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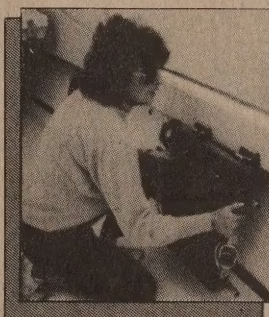
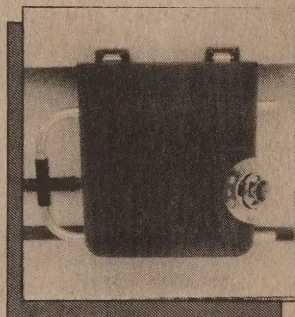
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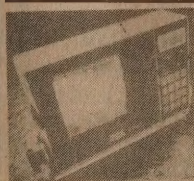
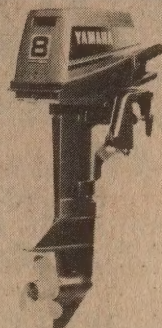
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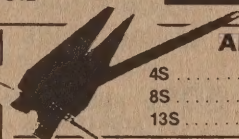
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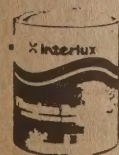
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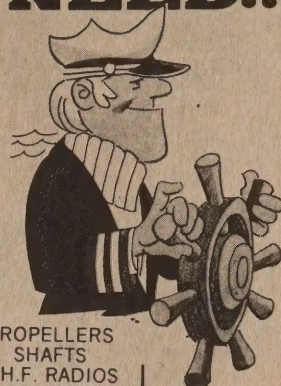
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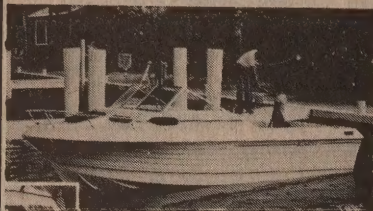
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For further information, contact Eugene Capurso, Flotilla Public Education Officer at 665-7366.

GREAT SOUTH BAY ANGLERS CLUB AUCTION TO BENEFIT SEND-A-KID FISHING

The Great South Bay Anglers Club has announced that a portion of the proceeds from their annual auction will be donated to The Fisherman's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program. The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the town of Islip Bohemia Recreation Center, Smithtown Ave., Islip. The auction will take place at the March 25th meeting.

The Club's annual Dinner Dance is scheduled for March 28th at the Airport Inn, MacArthur Airport. Great South Bay Anglers Club is an active participant in the New York State Surf Fishing Contest and is both boat and surf oriented.

For membership information, call Marty Beer at 589-6883.

STAR ISLAND YACHT CLUB UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Star Island Yacht Club has always been a great place to keep your boat and fish out of, but work is now in progress to make it even better: new docks and electric, new bar and open grill and poolside deck.

Sam Gershow, the new owner, has been an avid fisherman and boater all his life and he knows what a "showcase" marina should look like and offer.

Star Island Yacht Club was recently selected as distributor for a unique fishing machine, the Boca Grande 26. "Not just a pretty face, it catches fish," says Sam. For the people who want to bring all the luxuries of home when they go offshore, Star Island offers ocean yachts, 38 to 63 feet.

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MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION NAMED AS RECIPIENT CHARITY FOR DU PONT STREN

LONGCASTING TOURNEY SERIES
The Make-A-Wish Foundation has been named as the recipient charity for the 1987 DuPont Stren Longcasting Tournament Series.

Each of the seven regional tournaments will be used to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The tournaments, which promote the growing sport of competitive distance surfcasting, are held in seven cities across the nation from March through May.

Through some 60 chapters nationwide, Make-A-Wish attempts to fulfill the "dreams" of children with life threatening or terminal illnesses.

Rick Straitman, DuPont Marketing Communications Supervisor said although entry into the Stren Longcasting Tournaments is free to both competitors and spectators, they will be asked for a \$3 donation.

"Each donation earns an entry in a raffle to be held at the end of the tournament for prizes provided by merchandise sponsors," Straitman added. "Make-A-Wish representatives from a local chapter will be on hand to collect donations and supervise the drawings."

"We believe we can raise thousands of dollars to assist Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteers with their very difficult—and expensive—work," he said. "No matter what the dream, a trip to a major attraction, a fishing trip with a TV celebrity angler, the foundation does its best to make it come true."

Straitman said the list of prizes, for top finishing competitors plus the Make-A-Wish raffle, is growing and the merchandise sponsors include: Ray Ban, Bushnell, The Coleman Company, Western Cutlery, Shimano,

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The seven regional stops include: Wabasso, Fla., March 8; Pacifica, Calif., March 21; Houston, Texas, April 4; Cape Charles, Va., April 11; Falmouth, Mass., April 25 and 26; Lewes, Del., May 2 and 3 and Pittsburgh, Pa., May 9.

THANKS FISHERMAN READERS

On November 5th, Linda Miller of Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle was seriously injured while crossing Montauk Highway. While hospitalized, she received hundreds of cards, flowers and balloons from Fisherman readers. Although not quite "on her feet," Linda wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and asks you to stop in at the new store location at 281 East Montauk Highway, in Lindenhurst opening April 1st.

RYOBI KICKS OFF 1987 "LICENSE FEE FOR FREE" PROMOTION

Just when fishermen are ready to bite through their tackle boxes from being cooped up indoors during the winter months, Ryobi unleashes Phase II of its precedent-setting "License Fee for Free" promotion.

The industry's only promotional offer that combines the interests of consumers, retailers and fishery conservationists, Phase II of Ryobi's "License Fee for Free" promotion begins March 14 and runs through April 18.

The promotion targets nearly 30 million licensed fishermen nationwide, promising to refund the cost of a 1987 annual resident fishing license with the purchase of any Ryobi T-1, T-2, GM-40 or G-40 baitcasting reel, or any Demon Drag (R) D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4 or D-5 spinning reel.

All the fisherman needs to do is photocopy his 1987 fishing license and send it, along with an original "License Fee for Free" coupon and proof of purchase, to Ryobi. A check for the cost of the license will be sent directly to the license holder. Coupons will be available at tackle dealers across the country.

"We expect Phase II of the promotion to generate considerable excitement," said George Loechl, Ryobi's advertising and sales promotion manager. "Springtime traditionally signals the beginning of the fishing season, the time when most annual fishing licenses are purchased."

According to Loechl, Ryobi designed the "License Fee for Free" promotion to break away from the industry norm of "meaningless rebates and short term hype." Loechl added, "We realize that the future of sport fishing depends upon renewal of the

resource."

State fishery agencies use license fee revenue to obtain matching funds from the federal Sport Fish Restoration Program (Wallop-Breaux), which is underwritten in part by the excise taxes tackle manufacturers are the first in distribution to pay. Sport Fish Restoration Program matched-share funding exceeds \$140 million annually.

"We were the first tackle manufacturer to use promotional dollars to make an emphatic statement about the importance of resource funding," said Loechl. "Enhancement of the fishery should be primary concern of all those participating in the business of sport fishing. We feel certain Phase II of our promotion will give even more support to the sport than Phase I did."

EDELMAN'S F.I. OPEN TOURNEY

Edelman's First Fire Island Open Tournament, worth \$15,000 in cash prizes, will be held Saturday, July 11th. First, second and third places will go to mako, other shark, tuna and bluefish as \$2000, \$1000 and \$750 cash prizes. Entry fee is \$150 per boat and minimum boat size is 20 ft. There will be free drawings, free seminar, free jaw mount and free bluefish mounts. State Channel Marina is the official weigh-in station. \$500 in gift certificates will be awarded from Fish Unlimited Taxidermy. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For information, call Frank Pristera at Edelman's, (516) 249-8080.

SHARK BOOM HEADED FOR A CRASH

Many people are terrified of sharks (call it the "Jaws Syndrome"), but in reality it is we who are the most dangerous predators of the deep, as a number of species of sharks are discovering. These are the boom years for shark fishing and populations of the oceanic predators are taking a real beating. According to biologists, the slow growing fish reproduce at such a modest rate that they are unable to withstand the kind of sustained fishing pressure they are being subjected to. Some wonder whether sharks can ever support anything more than the most limited fishing.

An official of the California Fish and Game Department, which is monitoring the declining shark fisheries there, says that every major shark fishery around the world has failed. The thresher and angel shark fisheries on the West Coast are a good case in point, as reported in the monthly *Marine Fish Management* (December, 1986). The commercial shark fishery out of Santa Barbara is one of the largest in the world. Fishermen began targeting threshers in 1977 and within five short years the species was in decline. They next turned to angel sharks, and today that

species is in trouble. Scientists and managers studying these declines say the problem is that the fisheries are not in synch with the biology of the sharks: simply put, most of the sharks are caught before they have a chance to produce young. Hence, their numbers take a quick nosedive.

All shark researchers agree that shark overfishing is inevitable without, first, a much better understanding of the unique dynamics of shark populations, and second, fishery management plans that reflect this understanding. Also, because most species of sharks are migratory, interstate and international cooperation will be necessary to conserve them.

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The Moriches Anglers Club is proud to announce its 13th Annual Shark Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 13th, rain date Sunday, June 14th.

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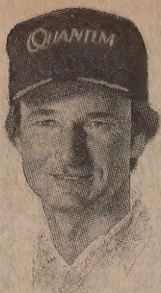
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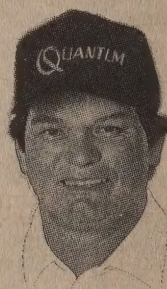
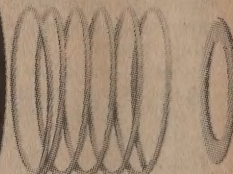
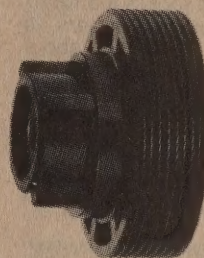
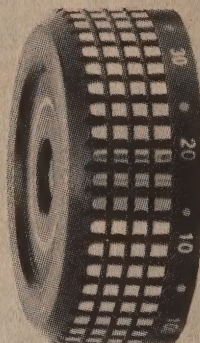
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BOATING/FISHING FUND WORKING FINE, BUT SUBJECT TO RAIDS BY BUDGETEERS

The Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund, more commonly known to American outdoorspeople as the national boating/fishing enhancement fund, is alive and well and currently subject to all manner of budget-cutting proposals. Through the end of fiscal year 1986, the Wallop-Breaux fund was expected to apportion \$110 million to the states for sport fish restoration ef-

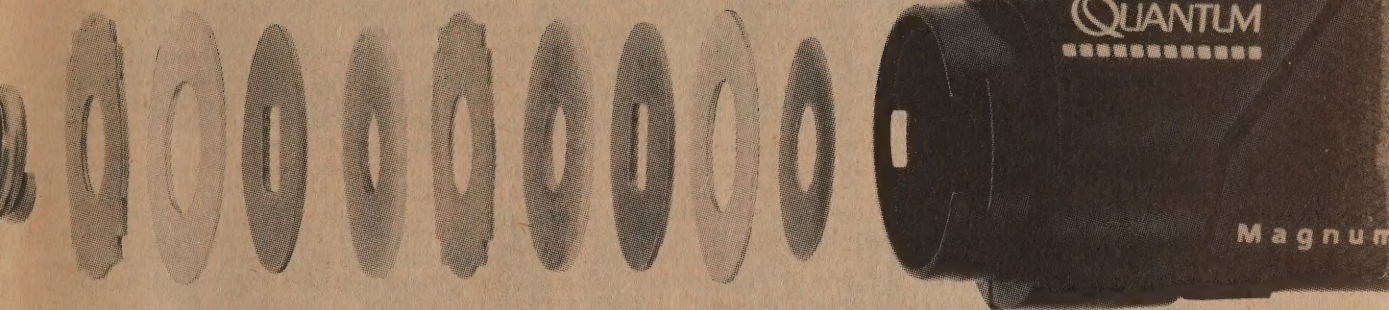
forts (of which about \$11 million was earmarked for boating access), plus another \$45 million (\$15 million for the U.S. Coast Guard and \$30 million for the states) for boating safety assistance programs.

All of the funding for the programs comes from user fees paid by the people who go boating and fishing. Revenues come from motorboat fuel tax collections, excise taxes paid on fishing tackle, plus customs duties collected in imported pleasure boats and yachts and imported fishing tackle—fees passed on to imported boat and tackle purchasers. In 1986, Wallop-Breaux collections totaled \$141,015,884, with about 47 percent of

the dollars attributable to taxes on fishing equipment, 22 percent from import duties, 20 percent on motorboat fuel tax and less than 2 percent from taxes paid on trolling motors and fish finders.

That \$140-odd million pales in comparison to government programs which spend billions elsewhere, but it is significant to the health of fishing and boating programs. To cite just a few boating access programs funded in 1986 in major boating states:

- California is spending \$110,000 statewide for maintenance of 110 boating access facilities;
- New York earmarked \$550,000 for access, facilities design, devel-



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In the area of sport fish restoration, each of the 50 states will spend at least \$1 million on lake construction, fisheries management and research. Alaska and California are each spending more than \$5 million; Michigan and Minnesota are spending more than \$4 million each; Wisconsin has obligated more than \$3 million; 13 more states will spend more than \$2 million apiece. While these funds may not translate instantly into more fish caught per trip to the local lake, the intent of the funding has this as a long term goal.

Proposals flying about Washington, DC with the intent to trim the burgeoning federal also cut the

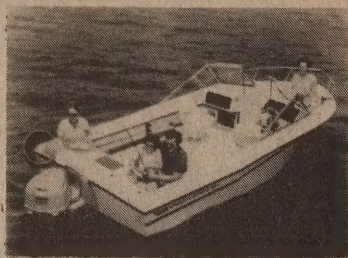
Wallop-Breaux funding. In one, the Office of Management & Budget wants to delete the \$27 million contribution from import duties, reasoning that customs duties don't belong in dedicated trust funds. In another, state boating safety assistance funding would be cut in half to \$15 million so that the Coast Guard could gain the difference. Yet another plan would transfer \$25 million from fish restoration to the Department of the Interior's resource management budget. And to top it off, there's even a call for Coast Guard user fees.

In what has become an annual exercise, it's once again time for the nation's boaters and anglers to convey

their feeling on all these proposals when writing to Congress. The argument can be summed up in two points:

- Wallop-Breaux is working fine. It's not broken so don't try to fix it; and leave the funding alone, too;
- Recreational fishing and boating users are already paying their fair share in taxes and fees...make sure these fees revert to their intended purpose and don't go raising them to pay for some other non-aligned program or service.
- Michigan has obligated \$636,000 for the sorely needed East Jordan Municipal Mooring;

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The exhibit will explore local traditions in these sports and the relationships between Delaware County sportsmen and their quarry, their communities and the "outsiders" who come by the thousands to hunt and fish here every year.

A series of storytelling evenings, when outdoorsmen will tell tales of the woods and rivers, will be held in conjunction with the exhibit.

Exhibit gallery and gunshop hours: Tues.-Fri., 10Am to 4:30pm; Sat.-Sun, 1PM to 4:30PM.

Admission: \$1.50 adults, \$.75 children.

For more information write DCHA, RD #2, Box 201C, Delhi, NY 13753.

BIG GAME FISHERMAN'S 1,600 LB. BLACK MARLIN JUST ANOTHER DINNER FOR HUNGRY SHARKS

Ralph Miller, an experienced big game fisherman from Whittier, California, believes he was cheated out of an all-tackle world record for black marlin by a pack of hungry sharks.

Miller's dramatic encounter with a monster marlin estimated at over 1,600 lbs. happened on November 27 at Australia's Great Barrier Reef off Cairns.

Fishing with Captain Bruce Dalman on the 56 foot Sea Strike, Miller was trolling a small, live tuna on 130 pound test line near the reef. at 4:50 in the afternoon, the big marlin struck.

"I knew it was a record-class fish," Miller said. "I've caught marlin in Mexico, Hawaii, Bimini and Australia. I caught a 1,100 pounder last year at Cairns, and I knew this one was much bigger than that one."

Miller, an IGFA member, said Dalman is so experienced, he can come within a few pounds of the actual weight when estimating.

Said Dalman, "Miller's fish was an all-tackle record. I knew that as soon as it rolled on the surface right after he hooked it. I figured he had a world record."

"I fought him for five hours," Miller recounted. "The last four hours, I couldn't use my legs at all in the fighting chair, they were so tired. I was having to gain line by using the swells and waves.

"Although you always worry about sharks with a big fish struggling in the water down there, we didn't know we had a problem until about 30 minutes before the end. The fish was in deep water when it started to feel different to me. Suddenly, I could gain line and when we got him up he was devastated."

The marlin measured 13 feet 4 inches from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail, 7 feet 6 inches at the girth and an even 7 feet at the anal girth. Using the length-girth formula, Dalman estimated the original weight at 1,620 lbs. He believes the sharks ate more than 600 lbs.

The all-tackle black marlin record is 1,560 lbs., set by Alfred C. Glassell, Jr., in 1953 off Cabo Blanco, Peru.

"I will recall every vivid detail for as long as I live," Miller said. "I will also have a head mount and tail mount to admire." Courtesy I.G.F.A.

SAFE BOATING COURSE IN BROOKLYN

Registration for a course in Boating Skills and Seamanship will take place on Thursday, March 19th at 8PM at Floyd Bennet Field, Flotilla 11-2 headquarters, Building #1 (Tower), Brooklyn, New York.

This is a complete and comprehensive course presented by professional instructors. It will include boat handling, legal requirements, rules of the road and navigation. Text books and materials available at a nominal cost.

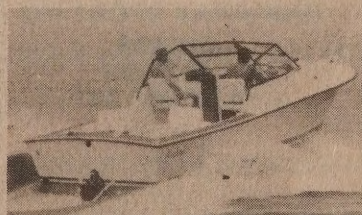
For information and reservations kindly call after 6:30PM: George Goodhartz, (718) 251-2472 or Thomas La Grutta, (718) 238-9187.

SAFE BOAT HANDLING IN BROOKLYN

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 11-1 and Flotilla 11-8 jointly will be giving an evening course on Safe Boat Handling at Seaford Marine, 5300 Kings Plaza, Brooklyn, New York. Classes will be held each Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, beginning on March 24th. There will be a nominal charge for the cost of the Auxiliary text book, piloting tools, charts, and other materials appropriate to the subjects presented. Ownership of a boat is not required. The course covers techniques of safe boat handling, sail, inboard and outboard craft, anchoring, tying knots, chart reading, plotting courses, use of the mariner's compass, aids to navigation such as buoys and radio beacons, radio telephones, weather and marine engines. Upon the successful completion of the course, an official Coast Guard certificate will be issued which may entitle the boat owner to a discount on his/her insurance for the boat.

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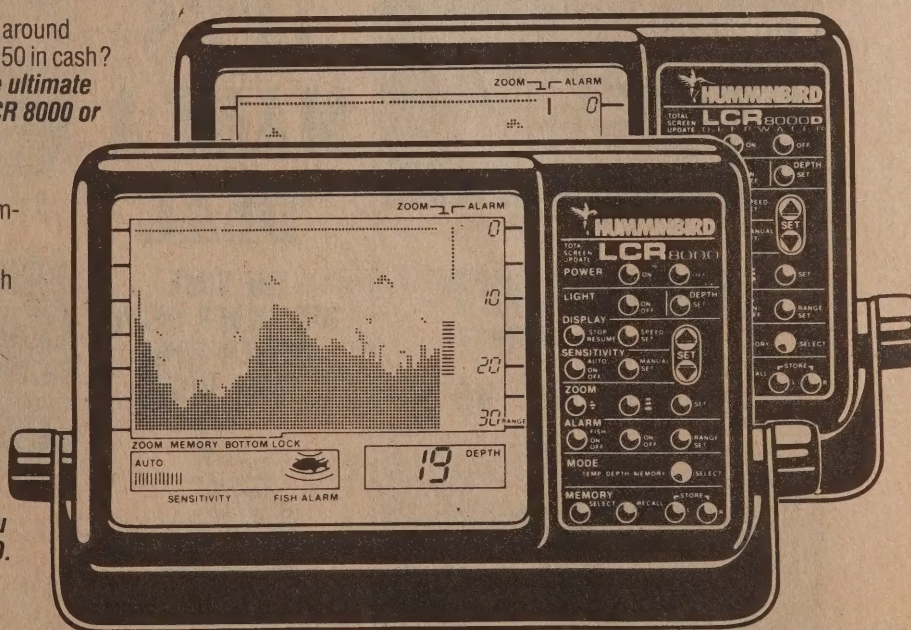
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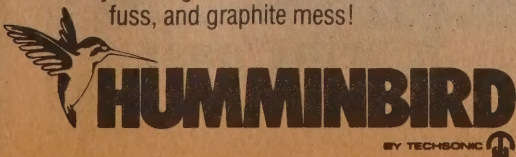
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BLACK WIRE MAKES A HIT

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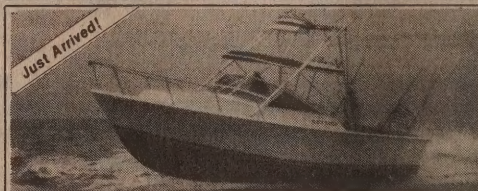


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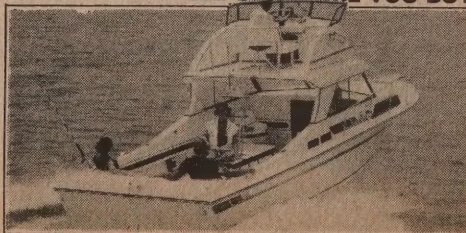
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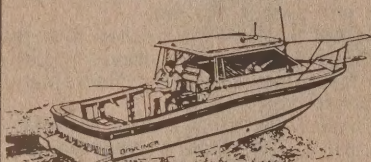
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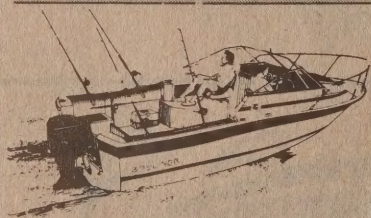
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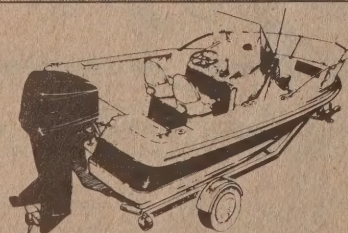
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Pete Frederiksen

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Look in the cockpit. The non-skid fiberglass sole measures 8½ feet long and nearly 11 feet wide, so there's more than enough room for a through-bolted tournament fighting chair or a pair of fishing chairs. From the deck to the top of the 12 inch wide teak cover boards, there's two feet of freeboard. There's also a padded coaming to protect your knees and thighs when you're doing stand-up fishing or wiring a large fish. At the stern you'll find 41 inches from the cover board to the waterline. The walk-through transom door is 26 inches wide and opened measures 17 inches above the waterline. The transom door opens out, while the cover board gate swings over. If the gate part slips out of your hand, or you drop it while opening, you will gouge the teak where it comes in contact with the flagpole holder mounted at the center of the stern. There should be a handle to securely grasp the gate. You'd be wise to install one; even wiser to have Egg Harbor delete the flag holder altogether when you order the boat. It is rarely possible to sand out the indentation.

Lockers flank each side of the cockpit and are a generous 12" x 47"

x 8", more than adequate for mops, straight gaffs and miscellaneous gear. Each locker is ventilated with built-in drainage.

On the port side bulkhead there's a one-piece fiberglass tackle locker that can also double as a cockpit control station. To starboard, a built-in console features a sink with fresh water, bait freezer and additional storage room.

Access to the flybridge is via a very substantial stainless steel and teak ladder: seven ribbed teak steps, each one 18½ inches long and 4¾ inches wide offer secure, stable footing. Visibility from the bridge is good even with the helm station off center to port. Clutch and throttle controls are separated for easy reach facing ahead while running, or behind you when backing down on a fish or into a slip. Instrumentation is backlit and protected under Plexiglass. The console top provides good room for electronics with additional dry space in a two-shelf locker below. Captain and companion chairs are standard.

Forward of the console is a 6'x16" bench seat padded to a comfortable 4 inch thickness. There's also an access panel on the front side of the console for maintenance or installations of wiring, controls and optional television antenna.

All safety railing is stainless steel, but conspicuous in its absence is an astutely placed grab rail. For those sudden lurches in a seaway, you'd be smart to install at least one on the console opposite the companion



seat.

Going forward to tie up, work the ground tackle or pass a rod over or under the anchor line while negotiating a stubborn tuna is made easy by a textured walkaround deck surface and sturdy 7/8" stainless steel welded bow rail. You'll find 30½" of rail height at the fiberglass pulpit. Heading back towards the cockpit the height of the rail descends to match the sheerline, but you are never without a solid rail to grab onto because another safety rail runs the length of the fly bridge sides.

Foredeck hardware consists of a pair of 10" cleats (same size as the stern cleats), chocks, chafing strips and a yacht size mooring bit. Spring-line cleats measure 8".

Since fishability is the primary topic, I'm not going to elaborate on the 35's interior. As to be expected from Egg Harbor the interior accommodations are plush, with the owner's choice of two layouts.

The engine room, however, does warrant comment. There are three engine options available: one gas, two diesel. Regardless of choice, machinery installation is good with sufficient room and access for routine and service maintenance of both engines and the standard generator.

Since Egg Harbor works along with the owner, there's very few Eggs exactly alike. For this reason the following speed and fuel consumption information is based on averages from the factory:

Twin Crusader, freshwater cooled, 350 hp, cruise 22 kts at 30/32 gals/hr. Base price—\$144,600.

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The standard equipment list is comprehensive and the owner has dozens of options to choose from if desired. The feature boat in this article had such options as Rupp outriggers, radar arch, Bimini top, full enclosure and many interior appointments.

With its modified V-hull featuring solid fiberglass below the waterline and cored construction to the sheer, the Egg Harbor 35 is a nice choice for the owner operator who wants to range offshore in relative comfort and have sufficient amenities to keep family members equally content.

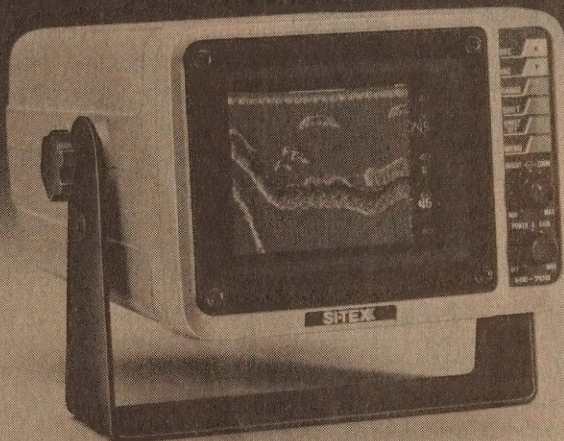
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Length.....	35'
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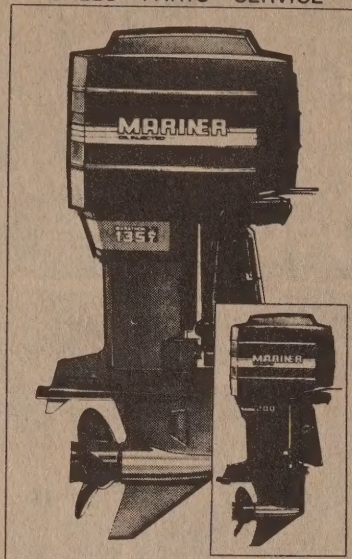


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Product Review

FENWICK FLY REELS

by Gary Diamond

If you've ever thought about breaking an existing world record on a fly rod, you have lots of opportunities. This especially holds true for saltwater anglers where several line classes are completely open with no entries. However, in order to break that record, you'll need good equipment and the new Fenwick World Class series of fly reels can be considered among the best to achieve that goal.

For many years Fenwick has been manufacturing quality fly fishing tackle. My first experience with Fenwick was at age 15 when I was introduced to the rigors of shad fishing on

the Susquehanna River in Maryland. Since then, my interests as well as the interests of many avid saltwater anglers, have changed towards catching larger fish on lighter tackle. The ultimate challenge, of course, being fly fishing tackle.

The Fenwick World Class fly reels are just what the doctor ordered when it comes to rugged, dependable, saltwater fly tackle. I've been using the World Class 8 reel and it is a beauty. Tipping the scale at just 12 ounces, this particular reel is light enough to allow you to cast those big streamer flies for hours on end without devel-



oping arm fatigue. Not only is the reel relatively light, but it's completely corrosion resistant which translates to little or no maintenance during the season. But, these two features alone will not help you break any records. There are lots of fly reels on the market that provide you with corrosion resistance and light weight. The big difference between it and other saltwater fly reels is the quality of the construction and the smoothness of the drag system.

Putting the hook into a 15 pound bluefish or a 100+ pound tarpon is a tough job, but you have to be able to keep the fish at bay while allowing it to make those line sizzling runs. Fenwick has designed a unique drag system comprised of several oversized washers that are highly polished which produces a consistently smooth drag surface. Because the surface area is large, overheating and expansion are no longer a problem when landing a huge fish on light tackle. Combine this with a positive anti-reverse and a line capacity of 370 yards of 30 pound dacron backing and you'll be ready to challenge anything that swims in saltwater.

The body of the reel is machined from one solid block of aluminum, anodized and polished to a high gold luster. In addition, the 3-5/8" X 1-1/4" spool is also machined from a single block of aluminum and anodized flat black to contrast with the gold body. The reel foot, also finished in flat black is dove-tailed perfectly to the base of the body and anchored in place with two stainless allen screws.

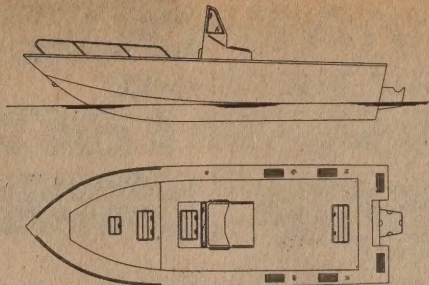
The main shaft is constructed from the highest quality stainless steel, precision machined, polished and anchored securely into the body of the reel. Top this off with a large, drag adjustment knob that's easily accessible and a graphite handle and you'll know why Fenwick's World Class 8 is all the equipment you'll need when that world record comes swimming by your boat.

When I first received the reel, I was determined to put it through the ultimate test. After installing the dacron backing and 33 yards of 12 weight fly line, I attached the leader to one of the toughest fighters I know: my daughter's car! She stepped on the gas pedal and blasted down the street at approximately 30 miles per hour while I tightened the drag. When she was about 275 yards away, the leader popped, but the drag remained completely smooth and cool to the touch. Most reels would have been as hot as a firecracker by this point.

Fenwick manufactures a complete series of World Class fly reels. The smallest being the Class 2, which is designed for size 6 or 7 fly line; the Class 4 for size 9 fly line; the Class 6 also for 9 weight line and the Class 8.

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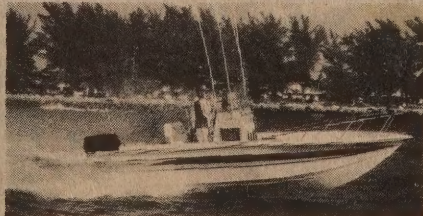
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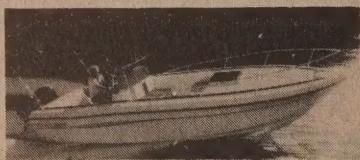
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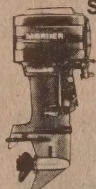
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Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

Next to the fishing reports, your column is next on my list of features. I have some questions for you.

1. I plan on installing a couple of downriggers on my boat. What rod/reel/line combination would you recommend and what type of lures should I use for trolling bluefish?

2. Can I use downriggers and wire line simultaneously?

3. My wire line outfits consist of a Daiwa Graphite Sealine rod, SLG 73C, 7', extra heavy 20-50 lb. ring guides (I mark the wire at 50' lengths with barrel swivels); a Daiwa Sealine 300H reel with 40 lb. monel. I use 60 lb. leader material: 8' long with a snap swivel and pull umbrella rigs. Now, the rod action leaves a little bit to be desired. What, if anything, is wrong?

Captain Don Kovacs.

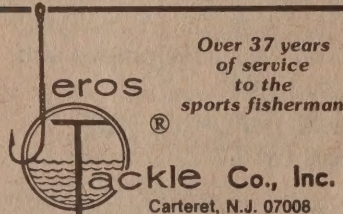
Dear Don,

The best type of rod for downriggers is a medium action one suitable for the 12 to 25 lb. test line that you will be using. Combine this type of rod with a Penn 320 GTI series reel, or a Daiwa 30H and you should be set for some good fishing. Remember, though, that there are dozens of rod

and reel combinations that will do the trick. Your local tackle dealer may recommend some specific rods and reels that other customers have used satisfactorily.

You can troll any lure with downriggers except for the not so well known bunker spoons. Critical here is the dropback distance from trolling weight to lure, so you'll want to experiment to see how each lure works, depending on how close or far it is from the weight. In clear or shallow water you'll want more dropback distance so that the troll weight does not spook any fish. In deep or murky water the dropback distance can be reduced. Swimming plugs and surgical tube lures are good bluefish lures, so are small spoons.

2. The answer is a definite yes. However, the idea is to get as much spread between the wire lines as possible. Many trollers maximize the spread by using stainless rod holders (holds rods at 90 degree angles) which slip easily into flush mount rod holders. These rod holders are available from Seabrite Stainless in Neptune, N.J. If you use 1 or 2 downriggers off of the transom then they won't interfere with the wire rods; troll



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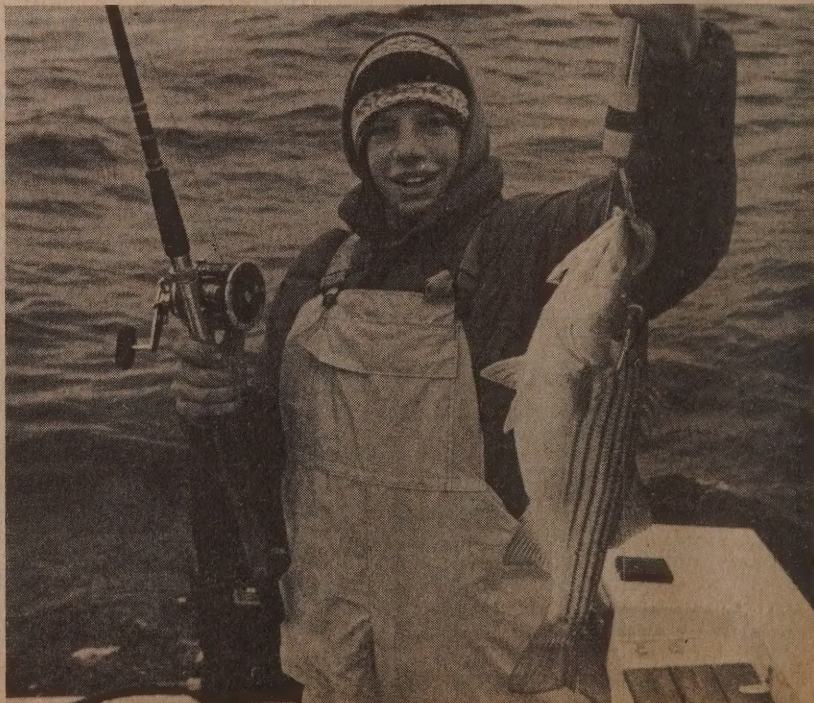
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with one wire rod off each side and downrigger rod at each transom corner.

3. Your combination is pretty good and nothing is "wrong" with this set-up, but the very best downrigger rod would have a lighter action tip while keeping the butt strength strong. The lighter tip action will enhance the effectiveness of umbrella rigs, plugs and bunker spoons.

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Dear Doc,
I own several Alcedo spinning reels and have been unable to order replacement parts for them. I think I used to get them from an outfit called "Continental Arms," but I cannot find an address. Do you know of any other source for parts for these reels?

Bernie Quinn.

Hi Bernie,

Since Alcedo reels are no longer imported into the States from their home base in Italy, it can be hard to find replacement parts for these reels. Many local tackle shops that repair reels may have parts like bail springs, line guides and handles in stock. I'd try your local shops first. If that doesn't work, then try these reel repair specialty shops:

Tauser's Rod and Reel Service, 115 Belmont Rd., Wilmington, DE 19899; (302) 654-7853.

Bucko's Sporting Goods, 191 Stafford Rd., Box 97, Fall River, MA 02724; (617) 6743-7900.

The Reel Doctor, 100 Mantua Ave., Wenonah, NJ 08090; (609) 468-6731.

Your local tackle shop may also have some Alcedo parts available.

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Dear Doc,

I'm 14-years-old and an avid fisherman, but I'm also one of those many sufferers of cabin fever. Therefore, I am always looking for something to do during these cold winter months. This year I would like to refinish one of my rods. It's a good strong blank and with a little bit of work it could be a beautiful rod. Could you please help on rod refinishing?

Russell Self.

Dear Russell,

The first step that I would take is to call some of the local tackle shops to see if they have rod building or refinishing materials. Most shops will have everything you need and can offer lots of good advice. Your tackle shop may also have the following rod building books, or you can order them through The Fisherman magazine: Fiberglass Rod Making, \$17.95; Custom Rod Thread Art, \$21.95; and Advanced Custom Rod Building, \$21.95. Add 7½ percent sales tax plus \$1.25 postage and handling for each book ordered. The books are written by Dale Clemens and all are filled with detailed illustrations.

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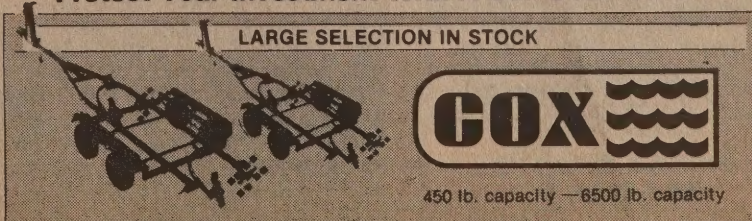
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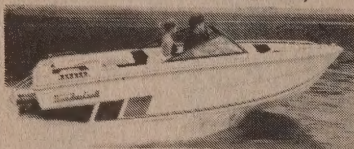
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Dock Lines

—by Eric Burnley—

Dear Eric,

I have a 14 foot aluminum boat powered by a 28 pound thrust electric motor. This works fine in the ponds and reservoirs, but last spring I fished the Delaware Water Gap area and the electric motor would not push the boat into the current.

This season I would like to use a gas outboard on the boat when operating in the Delaware and Hudson Rivers. What horsepower and manufacturer do you recommend?

Walter Jay Conine.

Dear Walter,

The most important consideration when choosing a motor for your boat is the manufacturer's maximum horsepower rating. There should be a plate somewhere on the boat that tells you this. It should also have the boat's serial and model numbers plus the maximum carrying capacity in pounds or number of people. This plate is usually on the transom or near the stern of the boat.

You don't have to use the maximum horsepower the boat is rated for. Your 14 foot aluminum boat could possibly be rated as high as 25 or 30 horsepower but a 15 or 20 will work very well giving you plenty of speed

and power to overcome the current in the larger rivers.

As to which manufacturer is best, the choice is really up to you. All the major outboard motor manufacturers make fine dependable units in the size you are looking for. The only difference will be the best price you can get from your boat dealer.

Dear Eric,

In one of the early issues of The Fisherman this year, you gave some advice to a fellow who wanted to know how to refuel his 23 foot boat while under way so he could reach the canyon. You told him to carry fuel in plastic containers, and to refuel while moving into the wind. You also said he should hang the empty containers off the bow to vent. I take exception with everything you told him.

First, this boat must not be designed for long offshore boating because of its limited fuel supply. Secondly, you did not ask the type of boat, i.e., open or closed bow, height of freeboard, etc. Your response to this fisherman leads many people to believe that the procedures you outlined are valid. This simply is not true.



Stainless props, even on small outboards, can save wear and tear against dings when boat is used in shallow water with rocks or stumps.

This is a very dangerous way to refuel and the chance of a fuel spill while under way is quite high. You violate the first rule of refueling: *Shut off the engine*. Even a half cup of spilled fuel could cause a violent explosion.

Eric, please try in the future to keep in mind that the fisherman must also be a safe boater if he/she expects to live long enough to enjoy the wonderful sport we all love. You might do well encouraging these people to attend a safe boating course given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, or the American Red Cross.

Walt Lumley.

Dear Walt,

You were not the only one who took me to the woodshed for the advice on refueling at sea.

I have been running small boats, between 20 and 25 feet, to the offshore fishing grounds since 1973 and few have had sufficient built-in fuel capacity for such trips, so provisions had to be made for the extra gas. That does not mean such a boat is incapable of making these trips safely.

The best way to carry additional fuel is to install additional fuel tanks. Some boaters who only fish offshore a few times a year do not wish to go to this trouble and expense. There is no way to keep people from carrying extra fuel in containers and refueling under way and many fishing boaters do this. I am simply trying to give some ideas on how to accomplish this in as safe a manner as possible; and it can be done safely.

I have found that by heading into the wind at a very slow speed, any fuel that is spilled will go overboard. The fumes that accompany the refueling operation are also carried away from the boat. I keep the blower on to vent the engine compartment and a bucket of water ready to wash down any slight spills. The plastic fuel containers work well in a marine environment because they don't rust and will not generate static electricity. I tie them off on the bow rail of my boat which is a runabout and have done the same on other boats, including center consoles and cabin cruisers. They are out of the way up there while you are trolling, but I move them back at the end of the day for the run home.

You can eliminate the chance of fume build-up in the empty fuel cans by adding a few squirts of liquid dish soap and a cup or two of saltwater to the containers. Shake well and store in an out-of-the-way location. Rinse out and dry before adding fuel again when you get back to the dock.

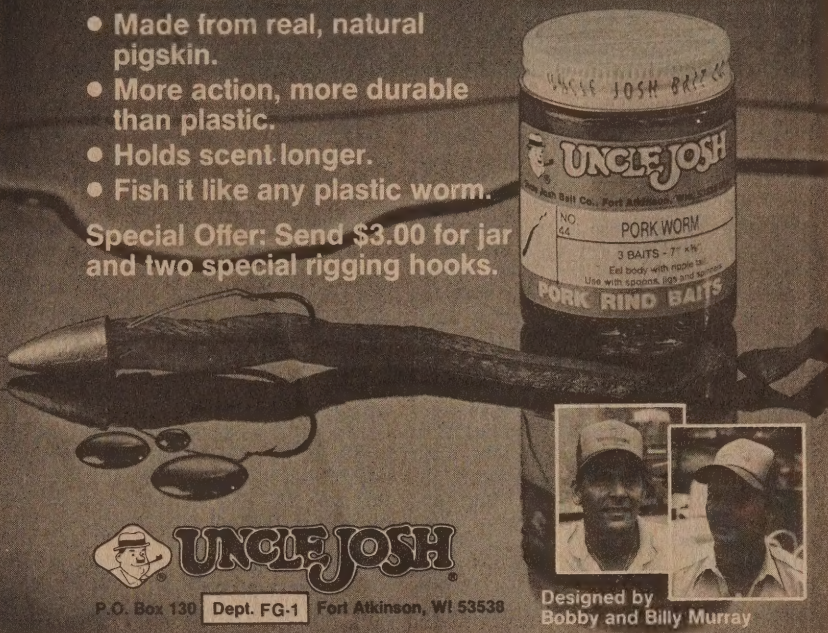
I do not recommend that anyone carry fuel offshore in five gallon containers and refuel while running hard under way. It is an unsafe practice that could result in an explosion with loss of the boat and serious injury to the crew.

I know that many boaters will continue to carry extra fuel in this manner. They were doing it long before I did and telling them it is unsafe won't cause them to stop.

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DEATH OF A FISHERMAN

by Steven Korman

"So this is finally it," he thought to himself, more with nervous anticipation than fear. As another wave lifted the helpless boat yet higher into the air, he braced himself for the expected "thud" as it pounded the mammoth glacial boulders once more, sure that this time the hull would finally give way. No—it held, but no sigh of relief came: he knew it was just a matter of time and grew impatient for the ordeal to finally end. The sureness he felt that this would mean the end of his short life as well did little to curb this impatience, and he cursed the storm, boulders and receding tide to be quick about it. THUD! "Damn you, give way already—give way!" The thought that this scene seemed right out of some old movie brought a smile to his face and managed to take him out of the reality of the situation and into wistful reflection.

He tried to imagine what his parents' reaction would be. Would they understand? He knew they wouldn't, and this realization worried and saddened him. Instinctively, his thoughts moved on...

He knew what his friends would say. "It's terrible, of course," they would all admit, "but he asked for it—going out there alone all the time, at night yet... just to catch some fish! How stupid can you be?" No, he thought, they would not understand either; in fact, many of his friends would feel he was destined to this fate. Through the years their interests had shifted from games to sports to girls to bars, clubs and discos; along the way, they had become increasingly annoyed to find his temperament grow more serious, introspective, and thus—naturally—reclusive. They figured that these changes were responsible for his building infatuation with the sea—what else could they believe? Of course, just the opposite was true.

THUD! This time, the jarring impact was unable to interrupt his reverie. As nightmares are patiently borne by the dreamer who realizes that consciousness will soon dissolve them, so his patience and calm were buoyed by the impending unconsciousness which he knew would soon envelop him forever. And as a condemned man savors his last meal, so he encouraged and enjoyed the thoughts and images rushing through his mind, fully convinced that the

final sleep which loomed ahead would offer nothing but an eternity of emptiness. Instead of looking regretfully forward, he thought contentedly of the past...

THUD!

Was he 15 or 16 when his father had purchased the boat, largely as a result of his continual pleading? Let's see: 12th grade, he was 17; 11th, 16; 10th, 15—that was it, 10th grade, so he was 15 at the time. Though still a boy then, he was secretly proud of his considerable knowledge of the art of fishing and he knew something about boats as well. Not that this mattered much: he could have passed a captain's exam, and his father would still have thought him too young to take the boat out by himself.

And so many an afternoon, while his father was behind a desk in the City and his friends were in school or playing ball, he was learning the geography of the waterways and land masses, the temperament of the sea, and catching some fish to boot! How could banal school work appeal to his curiosity and intelligence while competing against the trial and error discovery which takes place in Mother Nature's least forgiving classroom? How could he have been content with the company of most of his peers, whose biggest adventures and risks in life were driving drunk and attempting to "score" with girls? How could everyday, adult-supervised sports appeal to his budding masculinity and ruggedness, once he heard the same call which had beckoned many of the roughest and most fearless men throughout history? Had he lived in a different time or place, he might by his present age have been leading men like himself through exploration or conquest; in the world given to him, he was merely a misunderstood non-conformist.

THUD!

Yes, with a smile came the remembrance of the first years of his self-earned captaincy. As with all pursuits taken up in civilized society, his first lesson was that of money: while traveling by bicycle to local shorelines in search of snappers or flounder could be accomplished on less than a weekly allowance, the luxury of a boat involved considerable expense. Transportation to the marina—alas, out of bicycling range—was a major problem; with buses, trains and taxis the only solution. Gasoline for the

boat, a burden even on adult pockets, was a fearsome obstacle to the boy of fifteen. Then bait and tackle, while obtained almost without cost when shoreline fishing, became an infinite drain to any remaining resources due to the increased complexity, diversity, quality—and naturally, price—of even basic boat equipment. It took little time to realize that his five dollar weekly allowance was insufficient to the task at hand.

And so, out of desire as well as necessity, he embarked on an endless course through the maze of tedious manual labor where alone can the young, no matter how sound or nimble of body or mind, earn some subsistence—assuming that wages fair neither legally, morally or practically can provide such.

THUD!

He smiles now at his early naivete, when he encouraged the fond hope that his hard-earned knowledge of fishing and boating could be his savior, once put to practical use. Many a tackle store, marina, fishing station and party boat was the recipient of his call or visit, but he soon found that the demand for such jobs greatly exceeded their supply. At first he could not understand this, as he knew the wages for such work were generally poor. Now, of course, he knows why: after having shuffled from one banal, uninspiring job to the next with predictable regularity, he realizes that honest work—work that one enjoys, relates to and feels productive—holds much greater attraction than just the salary. Even now, he remembers himself pumping gas, cleaning tables, serving hamburgers—all the while wishing he were somewhere else: scouring the deck of a boat, advising customers about fishing equipment, even cementing bricks all day in the hot sun—if only to feel the worth of one's work, to see the fruits of one's labor...

THUD!

The images recur of the 16-year-old boy clad in his successive employer's uniforms; he appears not unlike a convict being given a different color suit with each transfer from prison to prison. He doesn't see this irony, but sorrow and regret swoop down from another vision. As he sees himself working, so, too, does he see his friends: hanging out after school, cruising around in third or fourth-hand automobiles, drinking wildly at

parties, posting conquests upon the opposite sex—activities he was personally uninterested in, but strangely fascinated by. He was often sought as a favorite listener to the wild tales of his friends: they enjoyed the freedom of taking liberties with the reality of the events described with one who rarely knew anything about them. Though often incredulous, he believed almost everything he heard: to him, picking up six girls at a party seemed as incredible a feat as three; beating up four tough guys as one; drinking two cases of beer as two six-packs.

Much of what he heard offended the natural morality and code of behavior he had always followed without knowing why. Most kids considered him an "all right guy," but few thought him "cool." He had an ingrained sense of respect for and chivalry towards the opposite sex, but when manifested in his behavior towards girls his age, it appeared to them obsequious, and as a tribute to their vanity and assumed superiority. The few girl friends he had had read this attitude as a license towards pursuing their—to him—seemingly irrational self-interests.

Adults were as distanced from him as his peers: teachers might have liked him had he shown more interest in school work; coaches had he taken more time to learn the art of swinging a bat or kicking a ball; other adults had he behaved more like "normal"

kids his age...

THUD!

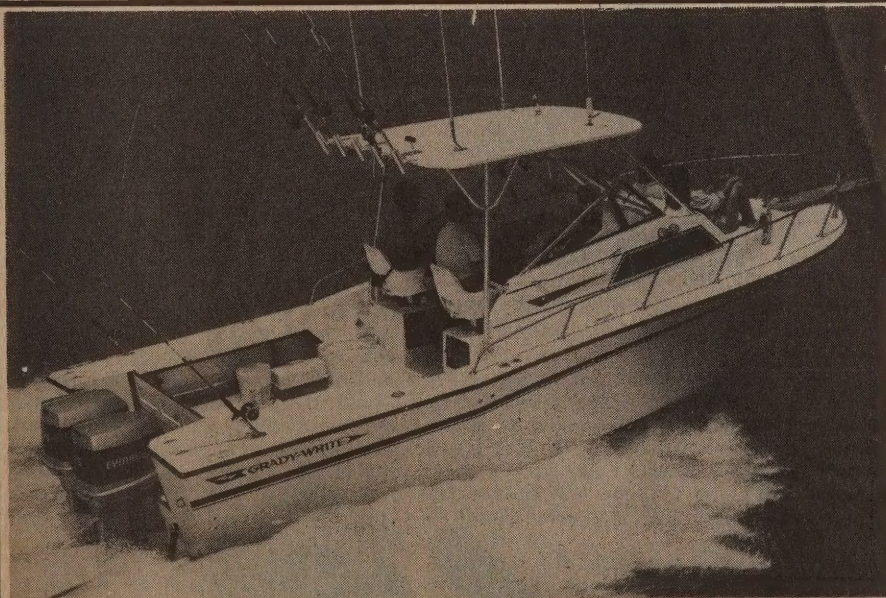
Once again, his thoughts escape the murkiness of gloom and reach for the clarity of happiness: he sees his first fishing trip on the boat. It was a fine spring schoolday when he and a buddy found themselves racing out of the harbor and into the Sound. Though his first time at the helm, he was able to recognize most of the points of land, coves and channels without consulting the series of maps he had studied all winter. The intended quarry was mackerel; and though he had never fished for them before, the abundant multi-tube rigs, diamond jigs and casting outfits on board silently testified to the amount of research he had done on the fish—as did they themselves, less silently, as they flapped around in the bucket all day long.

Yes, he remembers that day clearly—after all, it was not 50, 40, 30 or 20 years ago, but a scant four. The day is so clear in his mind that he remembers having to tell his parents that he caught the fish after school at the village dock (Ha! Mackerel at the village dock!), as he surely couldn't tell them the truth. The distaste of lying and the fear of his illicit use of the boat being discovered led him to avoid such incidents in the future by returning the fish to the water after catching them, rather than taking them home. In subsequent years, his developing notions of conservation

and sportsmanship reinforced his decision to release most of the fish he might catch.

During the course of his short life; he had also developed his own ideas of the morality of his favorite activity and major interest—and these ideas carried over into his view of the world. How justify the suffering inflicted on a fish, a fellow living creature, as it's being captured? What about torturing live animals used as bait? He felt these questions were at least as deserving of concerned consideration as were trigonometry, auto mechanics or the Bible. Nature and Biology became his religion: according to Nature, he was a predator doing his best to gain control over a harsh environment towards furthering his instinctual self-interest; according to Biology, he was meeting his instinctibility by performing the assigned function of his appointed niche in the intricate and infinite web of all living, co-existing creatures. Finally, he felt that the sublimity and grandeur of being human lay in the ability to help other creatures, human or otherwise, to succeed in their quest for preservation and well-being through humaneness and conservation. With fishing—as with all his pursuits—he had never taken more than he had given, in one form or another. This was the only goal in life he had set for himself; it would be the only goal he met...

THUD!



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A CHANNEL FULL OF FLATTIES

—by Capt. Pete Mikoleski—

It is virtually impossible to predict exactly when flounder will begin experiencing hunger pangs every year. If we could accurately predict when the water temperatures of the bays will creep up into the high 40s and gradually top the 50 degree mark, we'd have a pretty good indication of when to start flounder pounding. With all the variables like ambient air temperature, the amount of winter snowfall and spring runoff involved, the best we could hope for is a good guess. But there's one thing you can bet the farm on. Come St. Patrick's Day all the party boats will be wearing their fresh new coat of paint and all the early birds will be earnestly pounding those flounder!

Traditionally the West End has been a fairly consistent early producer of fish. Why this is so, I'm really not sure. All I'm concerned with is that I make sure I take advantage of it. While most of the techniques in this article have been derived from the habits of West End flounder sharpies, I have no doubt that they will work

wherever flatties are found.

Most of our early season raids usually take place in Reynolds Channel itself (between the Atlantic Beach Bridge and the railroad trestle in Long Beach) and the smaller back channels associated with Hempstead Bay. Generally speaking, the first flounder reports from this area usually make mention of two areas in particular: "Duck Point" (on Woodsburgh Channel) and the "Cement Block" directly abeam of buoy 9 in Reynolds Channel are the first two spots on the agenda of the knowledgeable locals.

These two spots are perfect examples of what to look for in prime flounder territory. Duck Point is a small projection of land on the southern end of Woodsburgh Channel directly across from buoy A6 and the creek flowing out of Post Lead. The water is 8 to 10 feet deep with a sandy bottom. This area is productive because the current of Woodsburgh Channel constantly deposits a steady stream of natural forage courtesy of

the nutrient rich tidewater marshes of Hempstead Bay. Surprisingly enough this natural forage usually consists of small grass shrimp. But that doesn't stop any hungry flounder from pouncing on our worm, clam or mussel baited hooks. Whenever fishing an area like this always note where you'll find little eddies developing on the surface. This is your clue where to anchor up and take advantage of nature's nautical answer to meals on wheels. These eddies that usually form on the west side of the channel across from Duck Point pinpoint where hungry flounder will congregate eagerly awaiting a free meal flushed that's in or out of the bay. If you cannot find those productive eddies anchor up somewhere between buoys A5, A7 or A9 and you should be on the money.

In addition to Duck's Point some other parts of Woodsburgh Channel should be worth investigating. Further north up the channel you'll find that buoys A12, A14 and A20 mark the deeper routes of this channel.



Phil Rizzo lectures a flattie, well under the 8 inch New York State size limit, to be more selective in its eating habits.

There are often used as holding pens for some lethargic flounder. It always pays to investigate these holes because the deep water pockets will be warmer than the shallower surrounding water. Warm water is heavier and displaces colder water in depressions like these. A good thing to be aware of early on in the season when you might be faced with borderline water temperatures and cold blustery days. Even if you are not fortunate enough to own your own boat you can still take advantage of Woodsburgh Channel and Duck Point by renting a skiff from Phil Simon's boat livery at the Woodmere Town Dock.

The Cement Block is right behind buoy 9 in Reynolds Channel. It lies on the edge of the flats north of the channel proper. The water between the block and the buoy is about 10 to 15 feet deep with a bottom comprised of soft mud. At times there will be a whole fleet anchored here pulling fish. When this is the case any spot in this general area should produce. When the fish seem to be few and far between we've had better luck fishing a small hole that's about 25 deep a little west of the block and buoy. If you line yourself up midway between the block and buoy 9 and head west about 80 yards, you should find the pocket I'm talking about if you have a depth finder on board. This hole lies on the very edge of the flats and was the home of a nice fat juicy 3 lb. flounder until he came across a pair of my worm baited hooks a couple of seasons ago. One spring, big fish were so common in this area that many boats carried a fluke net as standard equipment. There will be times when the bottom in this locale will be infested with crabs. Sometimes hauling in your chum pot will help while you'll still be able to pick some fish.

As the season progresses the stretch of Reynolds Channel west to the Atlantic Beach Bridge is prime flounder turf. Most of the time the action is found tight to the shore on the north side of the channel. The M.O. for fishing this part of the channel is simple. Look for the deep holes right off the shelf close to shore. Again, the first prerequisite for a good flounder hole is a soft bottom. You will note that there are a couple of small creeks on the north side that empty directly into the channel. Most of the time the mouths of these tidal creeks form a drain that can be very productive especially on an outgoing tide. Look for the deepest part of the drain and anchor up over it and wait for the outgoing tide to perk the flounder's appetite. The mouth of Bannister Creek was very good last year especially during the latter part of the spring season. Look for the formation of those productive eddies again, they will mark the best spot to put you into fish. If the north side of the channel fails to produce you may find greener pastures on the south side. The bottom about 1/4 mile east



Jerry Rahn with a prime flattie coaxed from a deep hole in Reynolds Channel.

of the A.B.B. is littered with patches or mussel bottom. The only problem is that when the tide is moving here it really rips. This is definitely not the place for ultralight tackle. In fact you might reserve a visit to these patches of mussel bottom for the tail end of a tidal change.

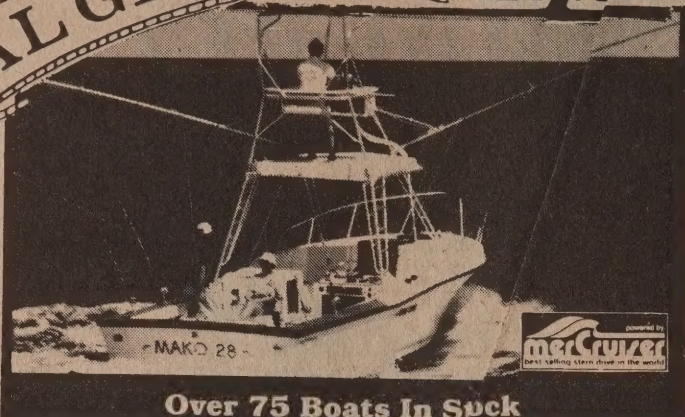
Further east along the south side of the channel you'll find deep water right up close to shore. The whole stretch of the channel between the bridge and buoy 3 can hold fish at different times. Almost all of this deep water will be practically in someone's back yard. Some days you'll be able to pick fish consistently throughout a tide. Other times you'll only pull a few fish on each drop. That's because flounder are very temperature sensitive at this time of the year. That's when filling the pail with St. Patty's Day flatties becomes

a back-breaking proposition.

Navigating further east down Reynolds Channel you'll come across Hog Island Channel. The mouth of this channel and the surrounding area up to the Long Beach Railroad trestle also harbors a good deal of fish. Although this area yields large numbers of flatbacks, the average size is somewhat smaller. Since we're on the subject of size you should remember that New York State has adopted a new approach to conservation by drafting a law which is now in effect that requires any winter flounder caught "under 8 inches long" must be returned to the water unharmed. It's about time we realize that it's easier to start conserving the resource before it falls on hard times. So bring your rulers! In any case, you should be able to locate your own pod of fish

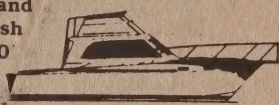
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even when there's a big mob out there. If the area is not too congested we like to anchor near Can #1 or #3 and take advantage of the current that flows out of the channel.

Further up Hog Channel you will probably encounter fewer fish, but their size will be more respectable. Most of your flounder explorations here should take place along the perimeter of the west side of the channel marked by odd numbered cans. Cans Nos. 9, 11 and 13 mark another good section of the Channel that is constantly refueled by a healthy current. This edge of the channel is also adjacent to a fertile mud flat, part of which is exposed at low water. Try anchoring up somewhere on the slope of the edge of the channel. If you can position yourself opposite the mouth of the creek that slices through Black Banks, so much the better. Just off the point of land adjacent to can 13 is a spot that attracts flounder seduced by the intermingling of currents of Hog Island and East Rockaway Channels. Further up Hog Island Channel around the bend you will notice two private beaches to starboard. These beaches are opposite cans 17, 19 and 21. If you have the nerve to fish in tight to the beach, you'll come across a very deep trench near the pilings off the first beach. There is even a somewhat bigger canyon in front of the second beach. You'll know if you're in the right spot if you can feel the difference between the hard sandy bottom and the silky mud just by bouncing your sinker along.

The key to all our successful trips in Reynolds Channel is always based on finding some fertile bottom that harbors a good mixture of the flounder's natural forage, namely bloodworms, sandworms, tapeworms, clam spat, mussels and other bivalves. A good rule of thumb that applies to all kinds of fishing is that "if you find the bait, you'll find the fish."

Now that you know where to fish, catching them should be as easy as practicing your ABCs. "A" is for Anchoring correctly; "B" is for Bringing the right Bait; and "C" is for Chumming correctly. Let me elaborate a bit. Anchoring correctly can mean the difference between catching a few fish and filling the bucket. If you're swinging on the hook so violently that your chum pot is rolling around, drop a second anchor. It can make all the difference in the world. Of course, we'll always use an anchor that's recommended for a boat of our size. Said anchor should always be equipped with a length of heavy chain and we'll make sure that we use enough "scope" in our anchor line to "set" the anchor correctly.

Serious sinker bouncers might skimp on lunch, but they always bring enough bait. Flounder are very selective feeders by nature so if you want to impress them you have to tempt them. Mussels are usually the best bait on the hook early in the spring. But a sudden influx of colder ocean

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water with an incoming tide might change that. It's quite possible that a quick switch to sand or bloodworms is in order to keep those fish coming. The moral of the story is to feed them what they want, when they want it. And the only way to find out what's on today's menu is to experiment. Bring worms, bring clams, and bring mussels. Start out by using a worm on one hook and mussels on the other. See which one gets the nod. You might also be sitting there filling the bucket with average fish on worms while the guy in the next boat is tempting two pounders regularly with clams and/or mussels. The Boy Scout's motto is a good one. "Be Prepared." Also don't settle for poor quality bait. Patronize only those bait and tackle shops that can supply you with fresh bait.

Chumming is an art. Don't just fill the pot and forget about it. Use a bigger pot if possible and keep an eye on it. Weigh it down so it will stay right underneath your boat. Check it every half hour or so and replenish it if necessary. Also keep bouncing it every few minutes. If all else fails, try the old paper bag trick. Fill a paper lunch bag with crushed clams or mussels. Weigh it down with some rocks. Tie a string around it and lower directly beneath your boat. Let it sit and soak awhile to weaken the paper bag. Yank sharply on the string to break the bag and deposit the mound of chum directly underneath your boat. It just might be the secret weapon you need. Also make sure you take advantage of our flat friend's keen eyesight and chum with dried corn. Sometimes all you have to do to trigger a feeding frenzy is to excite them visually.

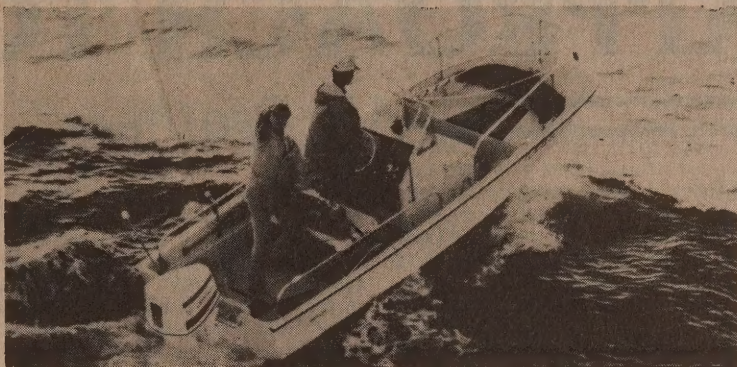
Once you've got them excited give them a fighting chance and use sporting tackle. We use 10 lb. test mono on saltwater bait casting gear as our meat stick. After dinner is in the bucket many times we'll switch to light spinning tackle with 6 pound test and really have a ball. Nowhere on saltwater fishing scene are graphite rods more at home than on the flounder grounds. These light and extremely sensitive rods are the perfect utensil for detecting the light tentative tap of a nibbling flounder.

Flounder hooks? A topic worthy of great debate. As far as I'm concerned the old traditional Chestertown hook is just too much hook for the small delicate mouth of a flounder. You'd be much better off with a small Sproat or Beak hook. My personal favorite flounder hook is undoubtedly the Tru-Turn hook. On many occasions I have seen a pair of these tandem tied Cam-Action Tru-Turn hooks #766Z in size 6 outhook any other pattern on my boat.

My last piece of advice would be don't give up the ship too easily. More than once I called it a day after a few hours of frustrated flounder fishing, only to find that my buddies who stuck it out blitzed them after I left. Good things only come to those who wait!

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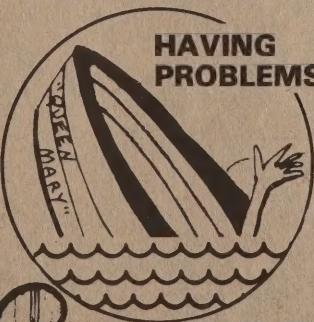
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A SHARPIE'S APPROACH TO PERCH

by Al "Feathers" Flexer

It's 5AM as I ready my gear and slip on some long johns and three pairs of socks. It's cold outside on this March morning, with winds northeast at 10 to 15 miles per hour.

I have gotten all the gear out of the closet including my Red Ball chest waders, two custom made rods and two reels. You never know when one will break down, so I always carry two. I have two Mitchell spinning reels filled with 2 and 4 pound test, mounted on two 5½ foot rods. I always carry a small satchel stocked with spare spools of line, jigs, hooks, split shots, sinkers, Krazy Glue, boot cement and an extra pair of socks. I put the water on for the thermos and remind myself not to forget the donuts or sandwich. It's 6:15AM as I head east on the LIE, bound for what I hope will be a successful day of white perch fishing.

When I fish for white perch, I rarely use bait. I catch most of my

perch on a Feathered or Flash jig. Only in extreme cases would I resort to the use of bait. Such a case would be if the water is almost completely covered with ice. I would then use night crawlers or killies. If none are available, I then use clams which I keep in my freezer at all times.

I begin fishing for white perch around October 15th, and concentrate on them until the beginning of May, when I switch my sights to fluke. For the past six winters, I have been fishing for white perch on Long Island and am doing very well with them. I work hard when I am fishing and as a result, I catch fish most of the time. You can do the same. Just remember, "You've got to work at it."

Before you can start fishing for white perch, you must know a little about them. Their feeding habits, the way they travel, where most of them are going to be found, etc. Every year is different. To begin with, white

perch are usually found in fresh water or marshy tidal areas. Check the tide schedule where you plan to do your fishing because the best time to find and catch the white perch is on the incoming tide. High tide for tidal creeks is about 2½ hours after Sandy Hook on the south shore. There are other factors to be considered. For example: when the moon is full, very few fish can be caught during the daytime hours. The reason is that during this time, they feed at night. I hate the wind—especially the winter wind. But if it is calm, very few fish will be caught. If you have a little breeze, your chances are greatly improved.

There are many places where the white perch can be caught on the Island. Among them are: Fort Pond, Montauk; Mecox Bay, Water Mill; Bullhead Bay, Sebonic Neck, Sunken Meadow State Park; Connetquot River, Oakdale; Lake Ronkonkoma (a freshwater license is required); Valley Streams' Mill Pond behind Herman's, Patchogue's Mud Creek; the Lilco Plant in Northport, Carman's River, Shirley; and Carll's River in Babylon. I prefer Sunken Meadow State Park. It has been good to me and I have gotten to know the waters like the back of my hand. I fish there and in Bull Head Bay throughout the winter and spring.

Nearly all my fishing is done with my own hand-tied Feathered or Flash jigs. Because of my reputation with the jigs, my friends call me Al "Feathers." Ninety percent of my fishing is done by jigging. You can buy these perch jigs at J&M Bait and Tackle, 265 W. Main St., Patchogue; Campsite Sporting Goods, 1877 New York Ave., Huntington Station; Altenkirch and Sons Bait and Tackle, Hampton Bays; and Codfish Tom's, 112-A Main St., Kings Park, or you can order by mail order catalog through: Al Feathers', 78-05 Springfield Blvd., NY 11364.

Other baits that you can use are: night crawlers, sand worms, and blood worms. You can use them whole, in half, or in quarters depending on the size. You could try using a whole night crawler on a size 4 or 6 hook, with a 12 inch leader of about 12 to 15 pound test and a small split shot about 6 inches above the leader. Cast out about 40 to 50 feet and let it go to the bottom. Wait a few minutes and move it two or three feet. Keep repeating this process until you get a



Ed Spelyng and Fred Messemer with a "basket" full of perch taken on jigs at Sunken Meadow back in December.

bite and then wait for the fish to run with the bait before you set the hook. When using clams, you can cut them long and thin (just as you would if you were fishing for flounder) and fish them in the same manner. You can follow the same procedure when using worms.

For killies and other live bait, I use a size 4 Eagle Claw with a 12 inch leader. You should use a split shot depending on where you're fishing. If you do use a split shot, it should be about 15 inches from the hook. Sometimes you can use a bobber or float. In this case, it should be about 2½ feet from the hook. With the use of a float, a split shot is a must. When fishing without a float, cast out 40 to 60 feet with the killie hooked in the lip, or just below the dorsal fin. Let it go to the bottom and move the line slowly. Otherwise, give it a little slack and leave it alone. When a perch bites, let him run with it before you set the hook.

Depending on how deep the water is, you can use numerous metal lures. First, they must be from one to two inches in size; 1/8 to 1/4 of an ounce. Cast out and let it go to the bottom. Then retrieve it. If you have no hits after a few casts, cast out and let it sink halfway down, giving it a few small jerks while bringing it in again. If again you have no hits, try fishing just off the surface of the water using the same steps as before. Once you find the level in which the fish are feeding, keep repeating that proced-

ure.

Rebels and Rapalas should be no more than 2½ inches in length. With floating models, cast out and when it hits the water, immediately twitch the rod two or three times and leave it alone for a few seconds. Expect a hit at any moment. If there is no hit, bring it in at a slow speed, stopping and twitching every 8 to 12 feet. If you still don't get any hits, on the next cast you should try casting out and bringing it straight in. You can do the same with a sinking model except that you should try to find the level that the fish are hitting.

In jig fishing, Flash or Feathered Jigs or jig heads with yellow tails weighing 1/16 or 1/8 ounces are the size to use. Silver or gold Flash and white or yellow feathers work best. I've caught well on all of the jigs I have mentioned. Cast out and let it go to the bottom. Watch the line because sometimes the fish will hit while the jig is going down. The fish will tap the line just once and it will be up to you to set the hook at that moment. When the jig hits the bottom, move it right away bringing it in slowly and giving it a jerk or twitch every 2 or 3 turns of the reel, sometimes stopping for a second or two before resuming. The main objective is to find the level that the fish are hitting. That is where you'll catch most of them. Sometimes the fish are feeding right off the top. Work the jig holding the rod straight up watching the tip for a light tap. Hit him right away. Once you hook your

fish, you'll have a nice little scrap on your hands.

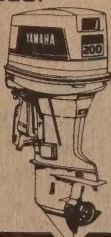
Jigging is not easy to learn. It takes time and practice. I started jigging around 1967 and it took me years to acquire the skills that make me a successful jig fisherman. You must learn and develop your own technique. The way in which you catch fish on a jig will be your own personal style of jigging. Jigging is my best method of fishing, not only for white perch, but for other fish as well. I have held numerous world records on white perch and have one record pending on a perch caught on January 7, 1987, weighing 2 lbs. 6 oz. The fish was caught in a tidal creek I had never fished before: Browns River in Sayville. I also caught a 2 lb. 3 oz. gizzard shad on November 27, 1986, at Sunken Meadow State Park, while fishing for white perch.

Finally, I would like to advise all of you who love fishing that you don't have to suffer from cabin fever because it's winter and you don't have to put your rods away. This winter you can bundle up, have plenty of hot coffee in the thermos and warm up to some white perch fishing. The fishing season is not over until you say it's over. It's all up to you. So, when cold winds blow and your favorite species is still a long way from our shores, you can always rely on the scrappy white perch to fill in that offseason void. It's a great way to hone your angling skills and a sure fire method for beating those cabin fever blues.

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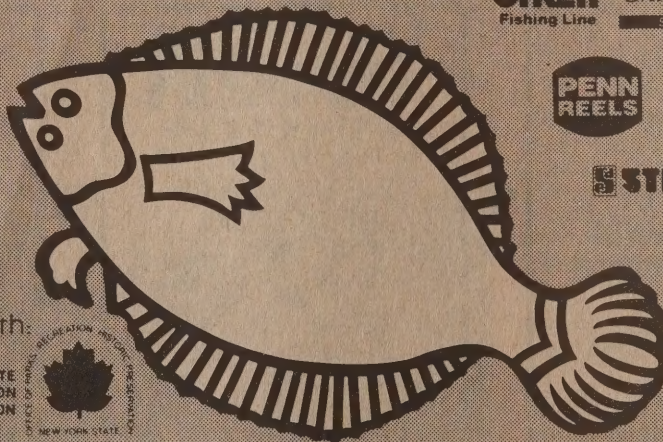
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INDUSTRIAL WASTE DUMP SITE "106"

by Len Belcaro

Editor's Note: This is a statement made by Len Belcaro, President of the 1000 Fathom Club and charter captain, at Senator Frank Pallone's hearing which took place on January 7, 1987 in Long Branch.

The Fisherman Magazine feels that all ocean dumping, both inshore and offshore, should be stopped as soon as possible. This means no extensions on existing deadlines. The most viable future solution to this problem points to tertiary treatment of all human waste.

Dumping, in the short and long run, will only prove disastrous to the northeastern fishery which, besides providing pleasure for hundreds of thousands of fishermen, is also an essential source of food for a very hungry world. The expense of finding and implementing a safe alternative solution(s) is far less than the expense of replacing this food supply once destroyed.

As president of the North Jersey

Chapter of the Thousand Fathom Club, I am expressing the deep concern of our membership, regarding the massive ocean dumping scheduled for the next five years at the Industrial Waste Dump Site #106.

Our organization is comprised of two existing and three forming chapters of offshore anglers, totalling many hundreds of sport fishermen. These sportsmen strictly fish the continental shelf between Block Canyon off Montauk Point, New York to the Washington Canyon area off Virginia. Our quarry is the pelagic ocean roaming game fish that inhabit these dropoffs.

Our canyon fishing season begins in late May and extends into the month of November. The game fish that are sought after by these anglers are the white and blue marlin, and the yellowfin, albacore and bigeye species of tuna.

Having fished in such areas as Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia, I have found no greater or

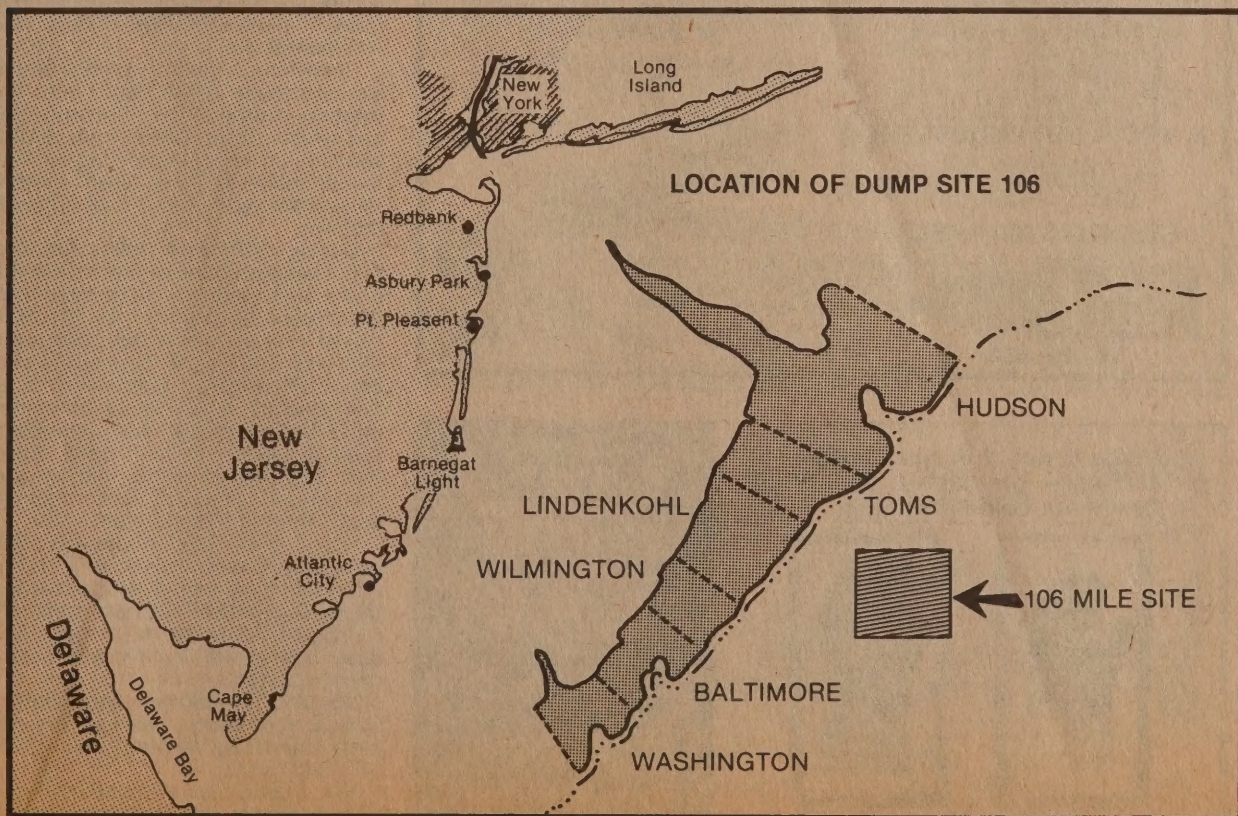
more productive big game sport fishery on this earth that is comparable to our fishery at the continental shelf here in the northeast.

According to a 1981 survey of the New Jersey offshore recreational fishery conducted by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Game, the magnitude of this sport fishery is astronomical. In New Jersey alone, not considering the offshore sport fisheries of New York, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, the offshore fishing industry brought in revenue to local business establishments totaling \$11.1 million during 1981. The value of the entire New Jersey Canyon Fleet was estimated at \$73 million.

It is extremely likely these dollar figures have doubled since the completion of this 1981 survey.

These staggering figures should leave you with little doubt of the importance of this offshore recreational fishery and the impact any adverse change in distribution and/or abundance

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ance of tuna and billfish would have on the fishery and the businesses directly related to this fishery.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration characterization study on the "106," completed in 1983 shows us its potential area of impact. This area totally encompasses the entire continental shelf from Block to the Norfolk Canyon off Virginia.

Dump site "106" is located just off the 1000 fathom curve of the Toms Canyon. It places the dump site right in the heart of this area of world class sport fishing.

In the early 1960s, when the "106" was designated an offshore deep water dump site, our satellite technology was non-existent. Infrared photos that monitor the mandarins of the Gulf Stream and its warm core eddies were unheard of.

My company, Offshore Services, has monitored these movements of warm core eddies for the past several years, reporting back to hundreds of canyon fishermen, via a weekly newsletter, the location of these eddies and Gulf Stream meandering.

A warm core eddy is a large clockwise rotating mass of water, to 100 kms. in diameter, that has peeled from the Gulf Stream and moves westbound paralleling our continental shelf. An average of 3 to 6 warm core eddies will pass near the dump site annually, each spending an average of 22 days in the area.

The trajectories of 13 warm core eddies were monitored as they moved along our continental shelf. Each of the entire 13 warm core eddies occupied some area of the site as they moved southwest, paralleling the continental shelf.

Even though the drift is basically to the southwest at the dump site, the rotating masses of Gulf Stream water can cause strong drifts from southwest to northeast, depending on how far offshore or how close inshore these warm eddies will pass through the area.

During 1979 and 1980, drogued buoys were dropped at the "106" site and their trajectories were monitored and recorded. March 7 to 17, 1979 trajectories for buoys 264, 265, 266, 267 and 269 were basically west-bound. Floating at depths of 5 to 30 feet (depths given in parentheses) these buoys reached our continental shelf between 1½ to 3 days. Buoy 269, floating at a 30 foot depth, floated well inshore of the continental shelf within a 3 day period.

May 8 to 24, 1980, buoys 465, 456, 463 and 472 were tracked in a southwest direction, two of which reached the continental shelf in approximately 6 days. In 12 to 15 days they were again plotted well inshore of the continental shelf.

May 9 to 18, 1980 buoy 295, floating at a 30 foot depth, reached the Atlantis Canyon off Montauk Point, New York in 8 days.

The experts have stated that the sewage sludge will remain at depths from 70 to 100 meters, depending on

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the thermocline at the dump site. The EPA's predictions appear to conclude that sewage sludge disposal at the "106" site will not cause negative impacts or accumulations of materials on the bottom due to dilution and dispersions. Our concern, in light of the rapid westbound movement and varying direction of these drogued buoys that covered the entire area of our northeast canyon fishery, could there be a net transport of materials to our continental shelf. And if this transport did occur, can a build-up or accumulation of materials take place at our dropoffs. Could this great fishery be negatively impacted resulting in great economic losses to the businesses here in New Jersey and in other states concerned.

There is another immediate concern of our inshore fishermen, to the people who come to, or live on the Jersey shore and dine on the different bottom feeding species of fish and shellfish. If an accumulation of materials takes place on our continental shelf, will these materials affect the winter flounder, fluke or summer flounder, sea bass, mackerel, whiting or silver hake, lobsters, scallops and rock crabs that spend some portion or the entire year at our continental shelf then return back inshore to be caught by either sport or commercial fishermen and consumed by us and our families.

There are several extremely important questions that our organization is requesting this committee seek accurate answers.

1. What predictive model results convinced EPA that materials will be diluted and dispersed and not transported to our canyon areas and onto the shelf?

2. What portion of the dump site will be used for sludge disposal during our canyon fishing season?

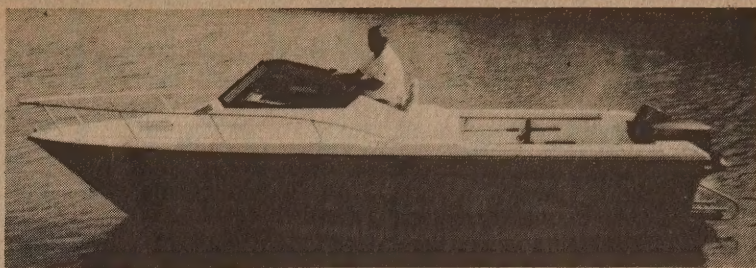
3. What safeguards will be taken to ensure that materials are not being transported to and accumulating on our continental shelf?

4. What studies will be conducted on our pelagic species of game fish ensuring us they are not being affected by the materials being dumped at the "106"?

5. What studies will be conducted on the staple diet of these game fish, the massive schools of bait such as squid and butterfish that also reside on our continental shelf?

6. What surveillance of disposal activities will be undertaken this summer to ensure that permit conditions are met by dumpers?

The Thousand Fathom Clubs advocate an immediate cease of all ocean dumping, but it apparent this cessation is an impossibility within the near future. We then suggest an alternative location approximately 125 miles southeast of the "106." This area would place the dumping of sludge and industrial waste beyond the Gulf Stream. This position would give our continental shelf and the fishery located there protection in the form of a barrier created by the Gulf Stream.



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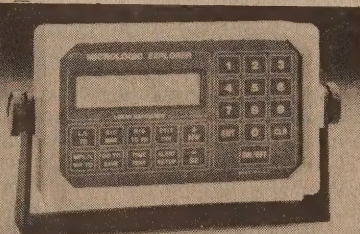
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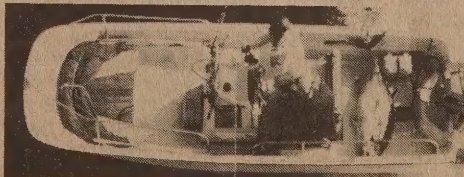
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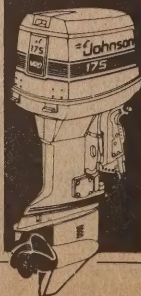


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"THE SURE WAY" TO FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

You can't beat a boat for making
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Perhaps I'm prejudiced, but it has long been my thought that to enjoy the best of flounder fishing it is necessary to use a boat. Some fellows call it copping their bet. I like to call it the sure way.

I know from past experience that this claim will draw its fair share of flak, for it is certainly true that fishermen at times do well when trying their luck from shore. But it has long been my contention that for overall good, consistent flounder fishing, nothing beats a boat.

And because flounder activity can be surprisingly good when skiff fishing (and this includes party and charter boats), you'll find many sinker bouncers who believe that's all that is necessary. Give them the use of a skiff and that's it. Not so, of course. No more than the swinging of a baseball bat will make of them potential Babe Ruths.

There's more to this fishing than stepping into a skiff and heading for the nearest bit of fishy-looking water. And here is where the con comes in, for to the uninitiated it all seems so simple—especially so to the raw beginner who sees experienced fishermen returning with full buckets of fat flounder.

Sad to say, it doesn't take long for the novice to discover that somewhere along the line he's gone amiss... that it really isn't all that simple. But to such fishermen I say: be of good cheer, for there's nothing difficult about putting flounder in the bucket when skiff fishing—if and when those discouraged fishermen learn several important "things."

First, and most important to bear in mind is that flounder must be hunted. Our flat friend doesn't dash madly about hunting food as do weaks and blues, for instance. Its approach is sedate as it leisurely glides over choice feeding areas. In fact, Freddy Flounder may be armpit deep in your area, but if that spot you're anchored over doesn't provide the right feeding conditions, you will bring home few flounder. And because this is so, the act of moving the boat a mere 25 feet or so can make all the difference in the world. Actually, all experienced flounder fishermen are aware of this, for they know that failure to do so when necessary is a sure path to an

empty bucket.

How do you go about finding the whereabouts of those feeding fish? Simple. You can take the easy way and anchor in an area where others are catching fish. This isn't very sporting, though. Actually it may lead to dissension (some fellows are extremely touchy about this—and some will invite you to fish near them). Better, I think, to select a likely looking spot in 12 to 15 feet of water (deeper if it is a cloudy day) and get the anchor over.

Try this spot for at least 20 minutes. If several flounder are caught, break out the chum pot, or toss over a dozen or so cracked mussels. Give the fish time to zero in on this windfall. What will probably happen, though, is that your selected spot will immediately produce one or two flounder—but no more. Put in your 20 minutes then if no more fish are forthcoming, pull anchor and seek greener pastures. Don't become discouraged; it may take several moves before you locate fish.

If this method is a complete failure, take heart; there's another way to skin the cat. One hitch here, though: you've got to be prepared for such an eventuality—which is something all experienced flounder fishermen take in stride, for they are like the proverbial Boy Scout—always prepared.

Here's what I do when I fish an unknown area—and I've been doing this for over a half century—probably more. I carry a marker buoy, but I don't use it until I find anchoring is to no avail. Should this happen, I break out the marker buoy. This buoy is made from discarded life preserver cork; it is painted a glaring orange. I chose this color because it is easier to spot on those windy, whitecap days.

When I believe it is best to drift, I take stock of the area. If at all possible, I try to keep to the 15/20 foot depths. This is where a chart of the area comes in handy. I run upwind of the place I decide to fish, get everything ready—and make sure the marker buoy is within easy reach! You don't want to hook a fish and then search for the buoy. By the time it is located, it's possible to drift away from the fish-containing area. I know: it has happened to me. And you know what? I can never relocate a place

once I miss it. I think it is the fishing god's revenge for acting stupid.

The instant the first fish is hooked, I toss over that buoy. Not after the fish is landed, mind you. At that **precise** instant. Occasionally when anchored over the buoyed area, the fish fail to cooperate—just as they did when anchored. But I've always found such times few and far between. What I usually do find, however, is a fair amount of flounder. (Incidentally, you can do this when fluke fishing this summer. It works fine.)

Something else, too.

Pay strict attention to tide activity. Flounder like a fair amount of water overhead when possible. If they have a choice of 10 feet of water, or 12, let's say, they will opt for the greater depth. Therefore, should the tide be dropping and your fishing activity shows signs of following suit, move to deeper water. Here, again, is where a chart of the area is worth its weight in gold.

The construction of a marker buoy is simplicity itself. I use a four ounce bank sinker, plus a sufficient length of nylon line—not monofilament from your reel. Mono has "memory" and is often the source of annoyance when using it for marker buoys. My buoy holds about 50 feet of line, and with it I can fish any area known to contain flounder (or fluke). When the sinker strikes bottom, the buoy will stop unwinding and it becomes a simple matter to fish near it. Should the day be windy, the buoy may run out all its line, which if I fish close to it will put the fish-catching area some distance from me. What I do then is pick up the buoy as I work my way back. When tension is felt, I remove about three feet of the rewound line to act as a "cushion" against the waves and make it fast to the buoy with a half-hitch. If the tide is rising, I will allow an extra cushion of three feet. I've been doing this for years, as I say, and never have had a bit of trouble. And best of all—it produces fish.

Windy days are quite common in spring, and because of this many fellows ask if I double-anchor to assure myself of staying over a good fish-producing spot. No; I don't. If the day is that bad, I think it best to search out some bit of shelter. The fish certainly will! So why not you?

And if the day provides gentle breezes, I welcome it with open arms; especially if the sun is shining, for I've found it means fish in the bucket.

Here's why.

Those gentle breezes will move the boat from side to side, from one close by area to another. I salt these areas with cracked mussels as I drift over them. Heavily—just in case the breeze should moderate and leave me in one stationary spot. If this happens, and, of course, it will sometime during the season, it is a simple matter to cast to the areas containing that abundance of mussel and catch fish. This is just another "trick" in the experienced flounder fisherman's bag. Between you and me, though, I don't think it is fair to call such a method a trick. All it is is common sense—which is something all good flounder fishermen have in abundance.

Never be in a hurry to leave a spot which you've heavily chummed. You can never tell when fish will move into it. I recall one day fishing the flats bordering Reynolds Channel in Island park. The fishing was unusually slow and I remember trying every trick in the book—and perhaps some that weren't. But nothing seemed to work and I decided it just wasn't my day. Enough was enough.

While dumping the last of the chum overboard and muttering to myself as to the vagaries of fishing and fish, my little spinning rod came alive in my hand. In an hour I had over a dozen fine, fat flounder—plus the usual assortment of "throwbacks."

One more thing of importance when skiff fishing: bring along at least two different baits. I would suggest worm and clam. And if you feel particularly flush, add a dozen sandworms if what you have along are bloodworms. Favor soft clam (steamers) over skimmer and hard clam—in that order. Flounder are finicky. They may bite on bloodworm for an entire tide, then suddenly stop when that tide is reversed. But many times if you change the bait, those finicky fish will begin to bite all over again. This pattern is quite common and all experienced flounder fishermen will bear me out on that.

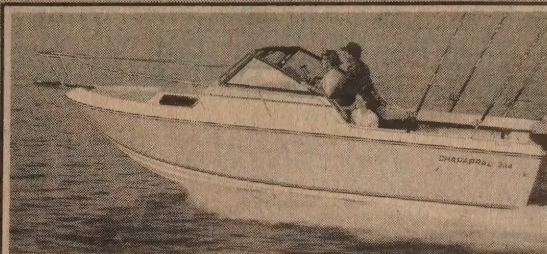
And for goodness sake—bring along enough bait. Don't skimp. Should you run out of bait while shore fishing, no great harm as a rule, for it is a simple matter to replenish the supply at the nearest bait shop. But when you're out in the bay and the bait runs out, it is no simple matter to pack up and search out a bait station. And when you do this, I'll tell you what happens when you return to resume fishing. The fish don't cooperate, or have left the area. Those smirking fishing gods have done you in.

Always bring along enough bait! You may only be in need several times a year, but when you are, it is a mighty good feeling to know that this time you're going to fill that bucket for a change. Yes, sir, a word to the wise is sufficient.

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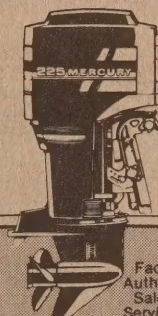
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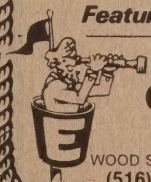


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THE TERMINAL END: SHARK RIGS

by Russ Wilson

It wasn't too many years ago when anyone who fished specifically for sharks got a lot of sideways glances from fellow anglers. The idea of fishing for a shark when there were tuna, bluefish, striped bass and other game fish available was considered a waste of time.

Sharks were not thought of too highly by any of us who were trying to make a few bucks. When a shark, any kind of shark, invaded the chum slick it meant our catch of bluefish was going to suffer. No one really wanted to bother with a dumb old shark when there were acres of bluefish, worth dollars, just begging to be caught.

The movie "Jaws" did a lot to improve the image of sharks and brought with it a new breed of sport fishermen. The guys and gals who got bitten by "shark fever" from watching the antics of that huge great white eating little people and most everything else that got in its path made fishing for sharks a more appealing sport. The combination of danger, excitement and the availability of sharks helped to bring more and more sport fishermen into the scene. Today, sharking ranks as one of the highest interest inshore fisheries found along the North Atlantic Coastal zone.

There are many known species of

sharks inhabiting the oceans of the world. Some, such as the mako, thresher, great white and porbeagle are considered game fish and are also highly prized as a food source. Others do not rate status as fighting fish nor do they qualify as a seafood treat. All sharks, however, are scavengers of the sea and will eat most anything that does not eat them first. This includes most other fish, smaller sharks, and Homo Sapiens!

Because all sharks are capable of inflicting serious damage to one's anatomy, they must be treated with respect!

Sharks are reasonably easy to identify from other species of sea dwellers. They have 5 to 7 paired gill openings, most located just aft of the head, a body that is composed of cartilage rather than bones (a fusiform), torpedo shaped body and skin that would do justice to any company that manufactures sand paper.

Each species of shark has certain characteristics that make it distinguishable from other shark species. This may be in the form of a larger mouth, bigger teeth, elongated fins, or other individual markings such as large pectoral fins (blue shark), elongated head with eyes at either end (hammerhead), or a tail that is equal in length to the body of the fish (thresher).

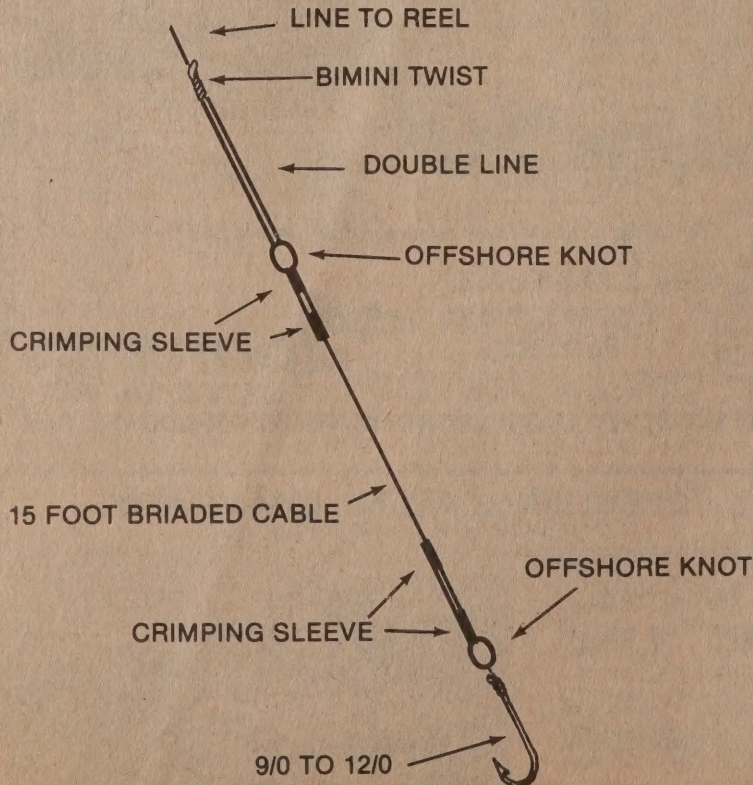
The mako, porbeagle and great white have similar body shape, but differ in other features such as smooth teeth (mako) and serrated edge teeth (great white) or a slightly different fin arrangement (porbeagle).

Quite often the coloration will vary also. The great white, for example, has been known to have a slightly creamish colored skin along the belly and may range from dark to a lighter shade of brown along the upper portion of its length. Mako sharks are normally a brighter blue, shading to a white belly which makes them distinguishable from the great white or porbeagle.

The *Angler's Guide to Sharks of the Northeastern United States* (Maine to Chesapeake Bay) is a handy pocket guide book that newcomers to shark fishing might want to read. It is available through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (Circular 179) and lists most of the known shark species that inhabit area waters.

Sharks are important sport fish. A

BASIC SHARK RIG (BRAIDED CABLE)



survey taken in 1960 estimated that 1,715,000 sharks were caught. About 45 percent of the total was taken from coastal waters between Maine and North Carolina by sport fishermen.

Although the mako, blue, porbeagle, great white, thresher, tiger and sawfish sharks are recognized by the International Game Fish Association, only the mako, great white, thresher, tiger and blue are prized among shore area sportsmen.

The mako, due to its high jumping antics rates as the overall favorite among most sport fishermen and the great white, due to its huge size and nasty disposition are perhaps the most highly sought of all sharks., Blues, browns, dusky, tiger and hammerheads are actively fished for and caught, but these do not get the amount of attention that is given to the mako and white.

All sharks are edible. Some are less tasty, but with proper treatment from time of catch to dinner table, each species of shark can be eaten in complete safety.

Most shark fishermen who go at the game seriously will fish primarily for the mako. If other species enter the chum slick and inhale a bait, so much the better. But for all practical purposes, the mako reigns supreme among experienced sharkers and many of the rigs we'll illustrate are designed with these fish in mind.

Contrary to what has been written, mako sharks can be found inhabiting relatively shallow waters. When the bluefish are feeding inshore, mako sharks will usually be close by, for the bluefish is their main food source.

During early season you'll find the mako migrating north along the 20 and 30 Fathom Curve and on out to the ultra deep waters of the offshore canyons.

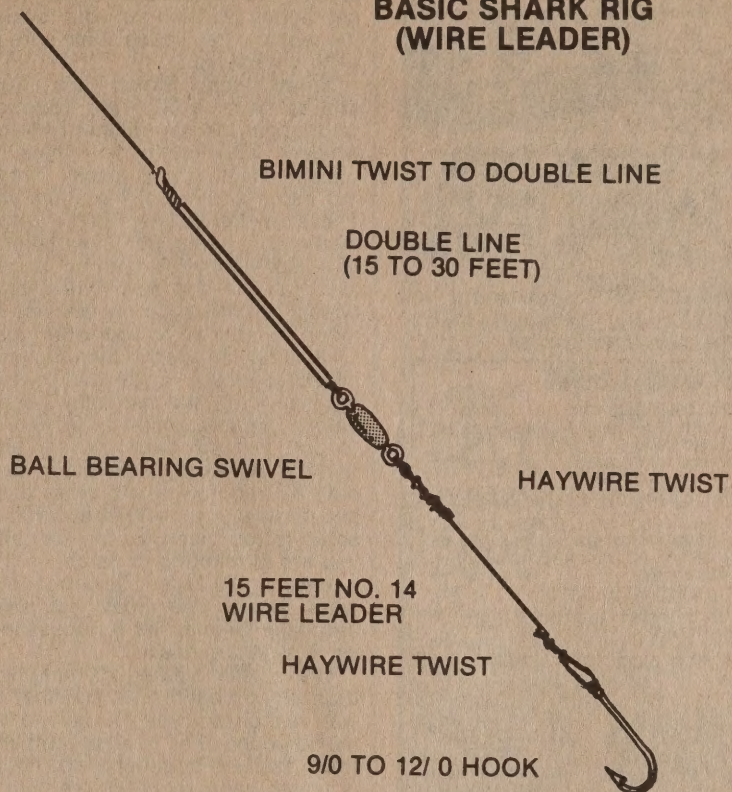
Occasionally, especially during late summer and fall, small to mid size mako sharks weighing only 50 to 125 pounds, will come within safe range of boaters who own mid size seaworthy boats. We've hooked makos only a couple miles off the beach and have also found them inhabiting waters 40 to 70 miles out.

Last summer, for instance, when the yellowfin tuna were prowling the Mud Hole, we hooked mako sharks on two different occasions and once when chumming for bonito and little tunny during mid-September at the Klondike Banks (just 5 miles off the New Jersey Coast) we had a 150 pound mako snapping hooked bonito from our lightweight jigging outfits.

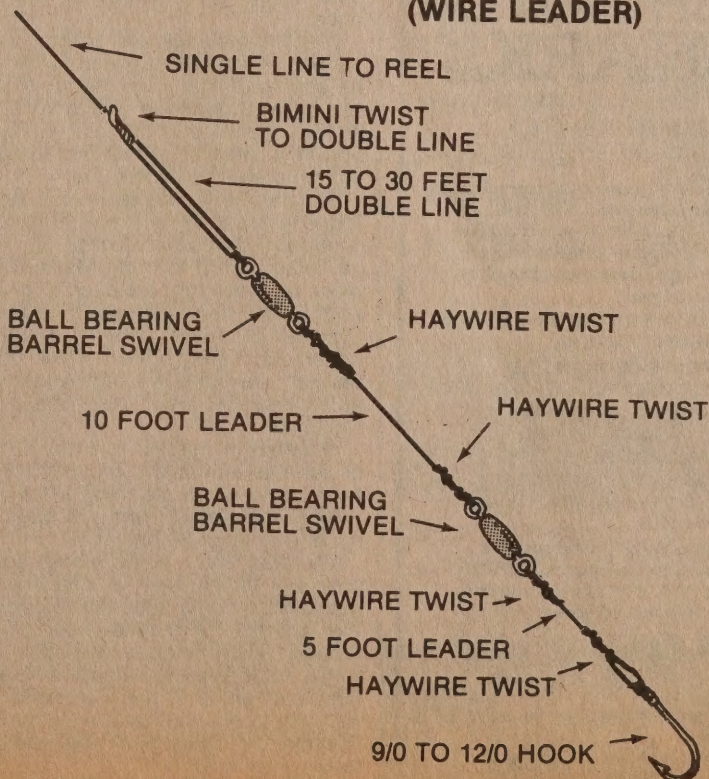
Hammerheads, not as highly prized as the mako but still worthy of attention will normally be found travelling north in large schools. Small pods of fish will often drop off from the main body and move within a half dozen miles of shore where they can be taken while chumming. This inshore run of hammerheads usually occurs during mid or late summer when many other species of fish are less reluctant to cooperate.

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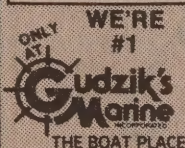
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You won't get the thrilling jumps that are a part of fishing for mako sharks, but the hammerhead is a dogged fighter that will put your tackle to the test and can cause some sore and aching muscles.

Small blue, brown and dusky sharks are also very common throughout the northeastern Atlantic. Anglers who chum for blues will usually have some pesky browns moving in and out of the chum slick. These smaller sharks won't provide a memorable battle, but when taken on light tackle they're lots of fun to catch and can fill the void when blues, bonito or false albacore are not in a mood to respond to your offerings.

Most novice shark fishermen are inclined to select tackle that is much too heavy for the fish they hope to catch. Circumstances vary from day to day, but for most inshore shark fishing you won't need those heavy duty 80 and 130 pound class outfits and often even a beefy 50 pound class setup is too much for the size shark you are attempting to catch.

We carry 20, 30 and 50 pound tackle when fishing specifically for sharks and have seldom felt it necessary to go to anything heavier.

We've never hooked anything larger than a 500 pound tiger and that fish was reasonably easy to handle with the 50 pound gear. In all probability, a mako, white or thresher of 500 pounds or larger would require more than the 30 and 50 pound gear we normally have aboard the Marauder. So, for insurance, it is advisable to have at least one 80 pound class outfit on board just in case one of the big guys does make an unexpected appearance.

Most knowledgeable charter skippers and private boat owners who fish for sharks will carry a selection of proven baits. Bluefish is a favorite of all sharks, mackerel is as good a choice and in a pinch, fresh or frozen menhaden (bunker) will produce.

The most effective technique we've found is to put out a heavy chum slick of ground up bunker. These oily fish can also be cut into chunks and fed piece by piece into the slick to give it additional fish attracting appeal. Chunks of fresh caught bluefish, frozen mackerel, butterfish or other baitfish are equally effective attractants when used as chunks to spice up the chum slick.

Bluefish or mackerel, either whole or used as a fillet, are the primary offering, and when planning a full day outing you should bring enough to provide at least 30 baits.

We also carry some whole squid and will often use a bluefish or mackerel in combination with a squid. The addition of a plastic skirt (red, orange, yellow or green) will also add to the effectiveness of your whole or fillet bait since it does increase its visibility to sharks that are swimming through the chum slick and looking for an easy meal.

Without getting too deeply into fishing techniques, you should be

aware that unlike chumming for blues, bonito or other inshore game fish where you are fishing from an anchored boat, when you chum for sharks you will be drifting. The object of using a drift rather than fishing on the anchor is to cover more ground and, hopefully, present the baits to more sharks.

Sharks will haunt sunken wrecks, reefs, offshore lumps and ridges and other bait holding structure for they know these are the areas where smaller fish will be found. When possible, you should attempt to plan drifts that will carry the boat and your baits over these underwater structure areas for they are the spots that normally produce.

Another proven technique that will increase your chances of hooking a bragging size shark is to space your baits so they are not all moving along at the same distance from the boat. Many experienced shark fishermen will set one bait out at 150 feet, a second at 100 feet and a third 50 feet or less from the boat.

Each bait should drift at a different depth. The longest line might be down 90 to 120 feet, the middle at 60 to 75 feet and the close-in offering just deep enough so it is not visible when you peer into the depths.

To achieve the required depth will mean using additional weight other than the bait and rig. Rubber core or egg sinkers of up to 6 ounces may be necessary to take the baits down on days when the drift is fast. Under calm or near calm conditions you will find that the baits will stay at fish eye level without adding additional weight.

You will also be using some type of float to keep the baits drifting at the desired depth. Some experienced sharkers use regular cork floats while others find it best to use only a chunk of styrofoam. Experimentation is the key. Try each method and see what works best for you.

It is standard procedure to double the running line before attaching the basic shark rigs. Most experienced anglers will use a Bimini twist (a 100 percent knot) to form a double line of up to 30 feet, which gives them the added insurance of having a stronger connection between line and leader.

There are three basic types of leader material that can be used when making shark rigs. They are: braided stainless steel, nylon covered braided cable and single strand wire. The nylon covered braided cable is used by light tackle enthusiasts because it is very pliable and can be cast.

Braided cable is also very easy to work with and is used in the construction of many commercially sold shark rigs. The single strand wire is stiffer and less costly which makes it the most common material among shark fishing regulars.

The rigs we'll illustrate can be tied with any of the above materials. It is suggested you try each and settle on the one that best fits your specific needs.

Hooks are the least expensive item in a fisherman's arsenal and yet many would-be sharkers do not use good hooks because they are not willing to go that extra step to improve their chances of boating a bragging size fish. There are only a handful of hook manufacturers marketing their products in the United States. Pick up a catalog from each and decide which hook best fits your needs.

Remember, however, that all sharks are strong fish that will test the tackle. Do not purchase thin wire hooks; hooks that do not have a braided eye can, and do, open under extreme pressure so it is advisable to use only this type hook.

The actual size hook will vary, depending on the bait. When using a whole bluefish, bonito or mackerel you may find it necessary to rig with a 10/0 or 12/0 in order to ensure quick penetration. With smaller baits such as a mackerel fillet, whole squid or bluefish fillet it is possible to rig with hooks no larger than 8/0 or 9/0 and, when fishing inshore, bay or shallow waters a 5/0 or 6/0 is sufficient.

Basic Shark Rig (Cable): There are several excellent shark rigs currently being marketed throughout the Northeast. Each is constructed around a 15 foot length of braided cable. When using braided cable you will have to crimp the hook in place.

Starting at the business end, slip two crimping sleeves onto the cable. Next, push the tag end of the cable through the eye of the hook and double it back for several inches to form a double loop. Slide one of the crimping sleeves down so it makes a tight connection between leader and hook and using heavy duty crimping pliers, seat the sleeve in position.

The second sleeve is then brought down the cable so it is about an inch up the leader from the first sleeve. When this sleeve is crimped into position you will have a solid connection that cannot slip under pressure.

At the opposite end of the leader you will again use a crimped sleeve to ensure a solid connection. This time, however, it is necessary to tie an Off-shore Knot. Before tying the knot, slide two more crimping sleeves onto the leader. After the knot is formed, bring one sleeve up and over the double cable and snug it into position. The second sleeve is then crimped onto the leader about one inch from the first.

This rig is very popular and quite easy to construct. Because it is tied on braided cable, which is less likely to kink, it is one of the best all purpose shark rigs. Once tied, the rigs can be stored on leader wheels until needed.

Basic Shark Rig (Wire): A lot of old hands at sharking do not like using cable and will elect to go with single strand wire in the brown finish. The single strand is less costly but does have a tendency to kink if not handled properly. Still, for the experienced fisherman, it is an excellent choice.

When tying shark rigs with single

strand you'll be using the Haywire Twist to make the connection between hook and leader and also when attaching the barrel swivel which is used to connect leader and line.

The Haywire Twist is reasonably easy to master and when tied correctly, is an excellent knot for use with single strand wire.

A lot of sharkers will use a 15 foot length of single strand while others may go to a slightly shorter leader, say 10 or 12 feet. We suggest using the standard 15 feet.

Slide the single strand through the eye of your hook and after doubling the wire back on itself, make several loose turns to lock the hook in place. Next, make several more twists by holding the tag end of the wire in one hand and wrapping it around the longer length of wire. These twists should be close together. After completing the twists, bend the tag end so you can move it back and forth to make a clean break.

The same method is used to attach the barrel swivel at the opposite end of the rig.

Two Piece Rig: We often use a shark rig that utilizes two sections of leader. When we hook a shark and want to release it all we have to do is clip the wire at the center swivel and then attach a new, short leader to the existing length of leader. It's a quick and easy way to re-rig and get a new bait into the water.

Much like a fly rodder who always attaches his leader butt to the fly line, shark fishermen who use a two section leader will make one end a permanent attachment to their fishing line and will only change the short leader and hook when necessary.

Using the same formula described for making the Haywire Twist, attach a barrel swivel (ball bearing swivels are recommended) to each end of a 10 foot piece of #14 tobacco stain wire.

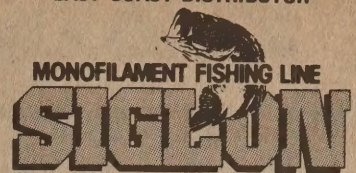
This is the basic "working" portion of a two piece leader and will be connected to your fishing line by using an offshore knot. The remaining end is where you'll attach the second, and shorter length of wire leader and the hook.

To make the second part of the rig, begin by using a Haywire Twist to attach your hook but instead of 15 feet of wire, just attach the hook to a 5 foot section. Leave the opposite end alone. When you do need the hook and leader all you'll have to do is form a Haywire at the swivel and you are back in business.

These are basic rigs that most anyone who knows how to tie a few standard knots can make. There are many other proven shark rigs, some using a two hook setup, but these will do for a start. Once you gain more insight into shark fishing, you will want to experiment with hooks, leader weights, double line lengths and different style rigs.

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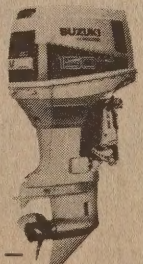
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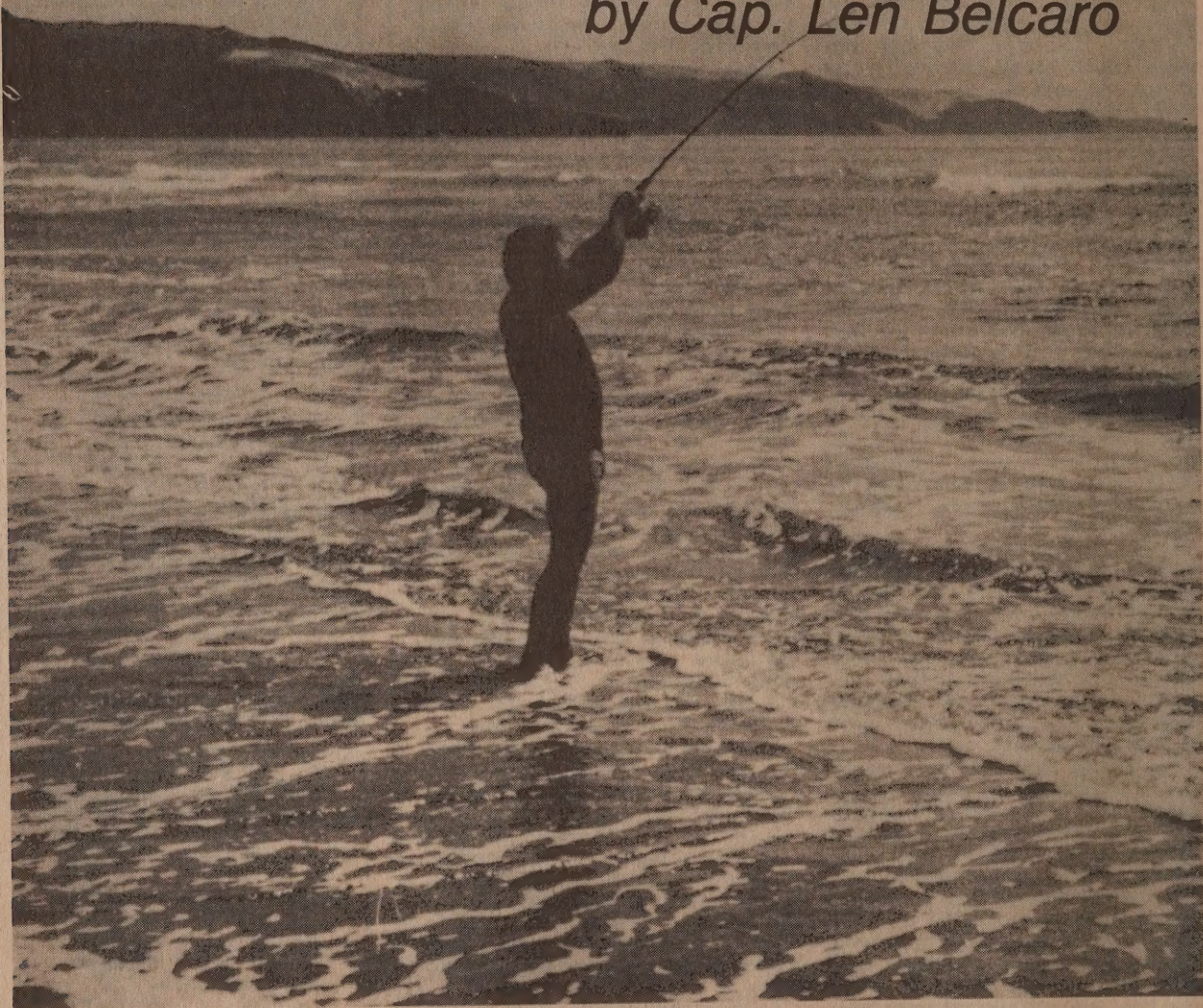
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When anglers refer to fishing in New Zealand, the conversation inevitably turns to freshwater and the fantastic trout fishing this country offers. When my thoughts drift back to fishing in this faraway land, they are not of trout or lakes or mountain streams. They are of a huge beach and several days of the greatest surf fishing I have ever seen.

What is a Kahawai? I couldn't even pronounce it much less know what it was! It didn't take us long to find out what they were, where they were found, and how to have the time of your life battling these fighters on a 90 mile stretch of New Zealand Beach.

Landing in Auckland, New Zealand in February, we had left the fabulous South Pacific Islands and we were hoping to enjoy more of the down

under summer sun and get into some fantastic fishing. It didn't matter what kind of fish New Zealand had to offer, either fresh or salt, big or small, we just intended to make a dent in the Kiwi aquatic population.

Renting a mini-bus large enough to carry all our gear, we traveled north-bound through the beautiful and scenic New Zealand countryside. Passing farms and sheep and dense forests, we arrived at the Bay of Islands and the little town of Russell on the east coast of the northern island.

We had purchased any plug or lure that was recommended to us by the numerous tackle store proprietors we had stopped at along the way to ask for fishing information. Our tackle box was teeming with lures, spinners and plugs all guaranteed to catch fish.

Trying our luck fishing this rocky coastline of the Russell area, we began working the bay and oceanside hoping for some fishing action.

After spending the day catching the big "O," we decided to skip the big fish dinner we had planned for that evening and move northwest the following morning, to an area we had heard of called 90 Mile Beach.

After several hours drive, we arrived at the little town of Ahipara. This quiet sleepy village is located at the base of New Zealand's most northern peninsula. A mecca for the surf fisherman, the northern tip of the north island boasts of 90 miles of fishable beach teeming with snappers, kings and Kahawai.

Arriving at a small motel that overlooked the most southern portion of 90 Mile Beach, we began seeking out

information on the type of fish we could take from the surf in this area from anyone available.

Our first source of information came from the owner of the motel we were staying at. He informed us that the main fishing on 90 Mile Beach was for snappers at night and Kahawai during the day. We also found the correct Maori Indian pronunciation of the word "Kahawai." It was properly pronounced "cow-eye."

The following morning, after informing the girls to get ready for a great fish dinner, we armed ourselves with 10 and 20 lb. spinning outfits and headed for the beach. Walking a good distance, casting spinners and plugs into the surf, we knew it was only a matter of time before we were going to get into some great fishing. Systematically we worked a large section of beach for several hours. We spent those several hours without so much as seeing a fish.

During our trek we did observe, lying all over the beach area, huge mussels approximately 6 inches in length. We also found a small river emptying into the ocean one mile south of where we were fishing. It was time to regroup back at the motel, take the abuse from the girls, and plan our attack strategy for that afternoon.

Realizing the abundance of bait lying everywhere on the beach, we dug deep in our tackle box and came up with several packages of triple hook New Jersey mackerel rigs. We figured fishing the outgoing tide near the mouth of that river and using the bait available, we just might get into some Kiwi fish.

By 4PM, with the tide dropping, we had left our motel for the beach and the mouth of the river. Armed with our light spinning gear, mackerel rigs and a bucket of the biggest mussels I had ever seen (we made a helluva tomato sauce these from these mussels; but that's a whole other story), we arrived down beach at the mouth of the river hoping for action.

Not sure what we were going to get into, we cast the first rig out into the surf and crossed our fingers. It didn't take more than two minutes of waiting before a scrappy fish was giving me a run for my money. Carefully working him through the surf, within several minutes I slid my prize up on the beach.

What in blazes was a weakfish doing 10,000 miles from home? No, it wasn't a "weaky," the coloration was similar but the spots were not as pronounced. It looked like a cross between a bluefish and a weakfish—must be one of those Kahawai.

Before I could get the critter off my line and into the bucket, my partner Steve had hooked into a double header and was having little difficulty working them toward the beach.

The minute my line hit the water I was hooked up again with another Kahawai, in the 5 lb. class, that fought as good, if not better than the first fish.

Hearing the commotion we were making on the beach, Steve and I began drawing a crowd from the local New Zealanders and Maori Indians who lived on the beach front. Asking us if they could have some fish, we instructed them to take what they wanted compliments of us "Yanks." As fast as we brought the fish to the beach the locals were taking them home.

Finding a good use for the fish we were catching, Steve and I buckled down to do some serious surf fishing. The fishing was absolutely fantastic

A pair of local "Yanks" discover a surf fishing bonanza during a winter visit to the land "down under."

that afternoon with several hours of non-stop action with these spunky fighters.

After feeding half the population of Ahipara, we managed to salvage six fish for ourselves—three of which were promptly scooped up by our motel proprietor as payment for information received and what was left we were quickly talked out of by our neighbors in the next room.

The girls, by now not having much faith in our New Zealand angling techniques, had already begun preparing a dinner of meat and potatoes prior to our arrival. Not being a meat and potato person, we knew it was back to the river mouth the next day for more fishing action, but this time we were going to make sure we kept enough for ourselves.

Arriving at our spot later than we had anticipated, we had discovered the tide had receded to nearly dead low. We quickly gathered another bucket of mussels for our bait and tossed our lines into the surf. It was an instant replay of the day before. Within 30 minutes we had taken enough fish for our dinner and a few more just in case.

During this second day of fishing, we had noticed several people out in the surf who appeared to be digging for clams along the beach front.

Being on the road and not seeing a clam for two months, visions of steamed, on the half-shell, oreganato and casino began dancing through our heads. Leaving our fishing gear

on the beach and walking out as far into the surf as we could, I could feel with my feet, buried a few inches down in the sand—impossible, they couldn't all be clams. Reaching down into the sand I lifted four clams from the water with one hand. They were everywhere.

Within a matter of minutes we had filled two buckets with these New Zealand clams, known as "tuatuas" and returned to our motel to impress our ladies with our bounty from the sea.

That evening at dinner, we found the Kahawai to be a delicious white meat fish similar in taste to its apparent cousin, the weakfish. The "tuatuas" we had collected were as good, if not better than cherrystone clams. They rapidly disappeared that evening, definitely satisfying our two month old craving.

Sending a plate of linguine with white clam sauce, several clams oreganato and Kahawai a la "Luann" to the motel owners that evening, we spent our last few hours after dinner with these wonderful people passing recipes and swapping fish stories.

Having to leave this surf fisherman's paradise the next day to continue with our down under adventures, we said good-bye to our motel hosts and drove out through the village of Ahipara.

Getting that last glimpse of 90 Mile Beach as we drove south toward Auckland, we knew we would never forget the friendly people we had met and the last two days of fabulous fishing in this place that was so very far from home.

NEW ZEALAND FISHING INFORMATION

Transportation: Send for Air New Zealand's "Hotpac" Holiday Planner for information on discount rates on motels, excursions and rental cars throughout New Zealand. Call 1-800-262-1234.

Currency: The American dollar still remains strong compared to New Zealand currency. During our trip in early 1985, the American dollar was valued at \$2.02 N.Z. We doubled our American money at the New Zealand currency exchange.

Fishing Gear: It's advisable to bring along your own surf and fly fishing gear when traveling down under. Ten and twenty pound spinning outfits will handle most any fish found in the New Zealand surf.

Lures and plugs (even though we didn't have much luck with them) can be purchased from any tackle store throughout New Zealand.

Accommodations: Motel prices throughout the country range from \$30 to \$45 N.Z. (\$15 to \$22 American). They were all impeccably clean and all provided in-room kitchen facilities.

We stayed at the St. Leonard's Motel, Ahipara, while fishing 90 Mile Beach. Very comfortable rooms were prepared by Ruth and Jim Brien at reasonable prices. (The fishing info provided by Jim is free.)

TAKING IT TO THE LIMIT

by George Reiger

Putting the boots to gamefish does have its advantages.

One of the easiest ways to distinguish a novice angler from an expert is to know that novices always boast about how long it takes them to land a huge fish, while experts boast about how quickly they subdued it.

Luck plays a role in every angling effort, but when one fisherman consistently lands fish quicker than his companions, odds are he knows more about the tolerances of his tackle and about the behavior of his target species than the anglers around him.

Getting fish in quickly may be viewed by amateurs as merely macho

stuff and proof that the guy doing it is not as good a sportsman as the chap who takes twice or three times as long to land the same size fish. But just the opposite is true. Unlike love-making, the less fore and after play in angling, the better.

Several very practical factors are served by an angler who knows how to control and quickly subdue a hooked fish. First, when aboard a party boat, the expert is never a nuisance to his companions the way a novice is when he lets his fish run through a dozen people's lines. Second, the longer

someone plays a fish, the greater are the odds he'll lose it due to some failure of tackle or a mistake caused by fatigue. Third, by controlling his fish and getting it in quickly, the expert angler spends more time catching other fish.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the expert is kinder to a fish that is brought in swiftly than the novice who plays a similar fish to the point of death so that even if the novice wants to release it, it's a senseless gesture to do so.

Tagging studies have time and



Having the proper tackle can make quick work of the biggest fish.

again shown that whether the quarry is brown trout or bluefin tuna, the less time the fish is under stress at the end of a line, the more likely it will live after being released. This is especially true if the angler can overcome his impulse to haul the biggies from the water for the purpose of photography, which always takes at least five minutes to set up after the fish is aboard. Once the picture is made, the fish is often "released" by hurling it as high and as far away as possible. All such actions increase shock and the odds that the fish won't survive.

Although much of angling expertise is a matter of accumulated experience, it's wonderful to see how a little basic instruction can turn the rawest recruit into a competent big game fisherman. Back in my Navy days, a roommate from Kansas, who had never caught anything bigger than a bluegill, accompanied me on a fishing trip to Florida. We had been out less than an hour when a huge hammerhead shark rushed up and nearly inhaled a 2 lb. jack crevalle that Ken had just caught. The shark slammed into the side of the boat just as I plucked the jack from the water. I quickly put the jack on a wire leader equipped, 80 pound test outfit and fed the jack to the rapacious 400 pounder while Ken held the rod in the fighting chair.

The shark swam around for 10 minutes at the end of the line while Ken cranked and puffed and perspired. I told him that he would never land the hammerhead so long as the shark didn't know it was hooked.

Ken thought I was joking and continued to crank and puff and perspire, but with greater intensity. At the rate he was going, I knew he'd be finished in under an hour and begging me to relieve him.

"I'm not joking," I warned. "That fish is so big that the only way you can hope to handle it is to frighten it so it will wear itself out fighting its panic and the weight of the boat. When you persuade that shark that it's controlled by a superior force, you'll be able to lead it anywhere you want it to go—but not until then."

"What"—gasp—"do you"—puff—"want me—pant—to do?"

"Try to break the rod."

"Huh?"

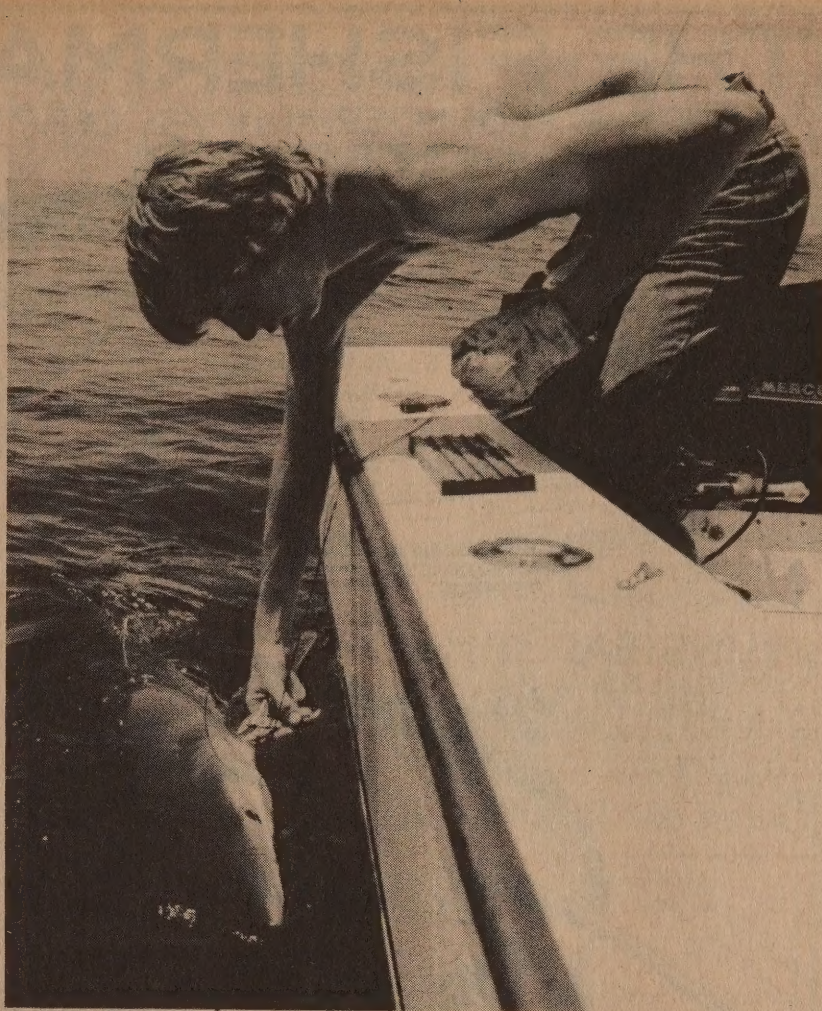
"Rear back on the rod as hard as you can. Don't worry. That fish is out far enough so that with all the stretch in the system, you can't possibly break the rod or the line."

Ken looked doubtful, but he yanked back.

"Harder!" I shouted. "Cross that critter's eyes!"

Ken was now angrier with me than with the shark. He reared back as though he were trying to snap the bait out of the shark's mouth and into mine! Once. Twice. On the third strike, the shark took off like a torpedo!

"What'll I do now?" yelled Ken, as he used both hands to hold the bucking rod from going overboard.



A big fish landed quickly has a better chance to survive when released.

"Stay calm," I said.

Gradually, the boat got under way and followed the shark. Within a few minutes, the pace of the fish and the boat were blended so that while the boat kept moving, the shark stopped taking line.

"As soon as the fish slows up or starts to circle, pump it toward you," I counseled. "Raise the rod tip without pulling line off the reel and crank the handle as you lower the tip to raise it again. Don't raise the rod and turn the reel handle at the same time. It's a waste of effort that wears you out faster than it wears out the fish. That's good. Don't rest the rod on the gunwale! A sudden surge from a fish that big and the rod will snap like a match stick. All right, but don't point the rod at the fish. The flexibility of the rod enhances the line's strength. Eliminate that, and the line could pop like sewing thread."

"You're doing well. Keep the slack out of the line. That only allows the shark to rest and it might even slip the hook. You're pulling the boat and the fish a little closer together with each pumping cycle. Relax your back when you lean forward and rest your right arm when you rear back. Okay. The fish may make another run or two and

you'll have to do this all over again, but each time the fish runs and tows the boat, it's working a lot harder than you are."

Forty minutes later, the huge shark was wallowing alongside. I told Ken to ease the drag on the reel and to stay in the fighting chair with the rod.

"Loosen the drag whenever you have a lot of line out, or practically none at all. In the first case, if you don't loosen the drag, the friction of the line dragging through the water may be enough to break it; in the second case, the system has no 'give' so that if a fish makes a sudden rush, it will break the line or even smash the rod tip. Oh, God, get the rod off the gunwale; that's borrowed equipment!"

Ken was amazed by the size of the fish. He couldn't believe he had actually conquered such a monster. We took several pictures of the brute after which I kinked and popped the leader and the great fish swam slowly off.

It may be true that the big ones always get away, but in the case of anglers who know what their tackle can do, or those willing to heed a voice of experience, the big ones only get away when we want them to.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

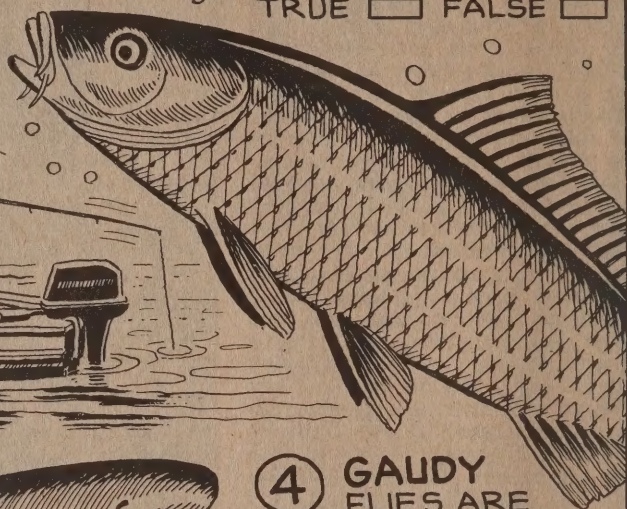
① SPRING FLOUNDER FISHERMEN ANCHOR THEIR BOATS RATHER THAN DRIFT AS THEY DO FOR SUMMER FLUKE.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

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② CARP DON'T HAVE ANY TEETH.

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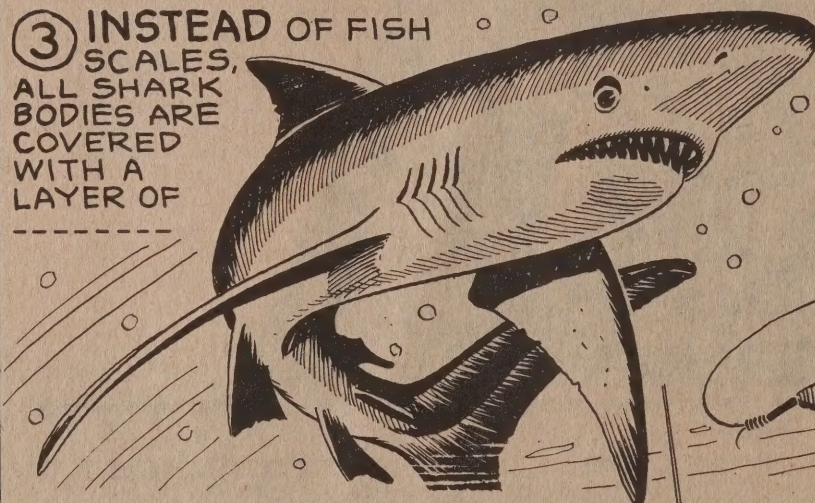


BY FRED GUARDINEER

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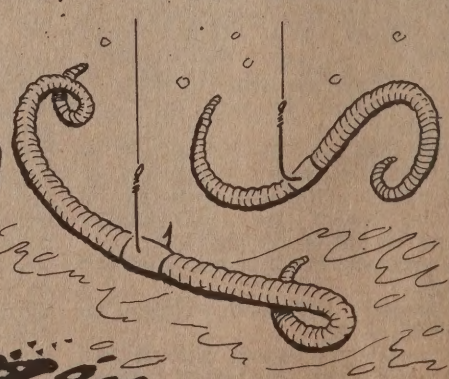
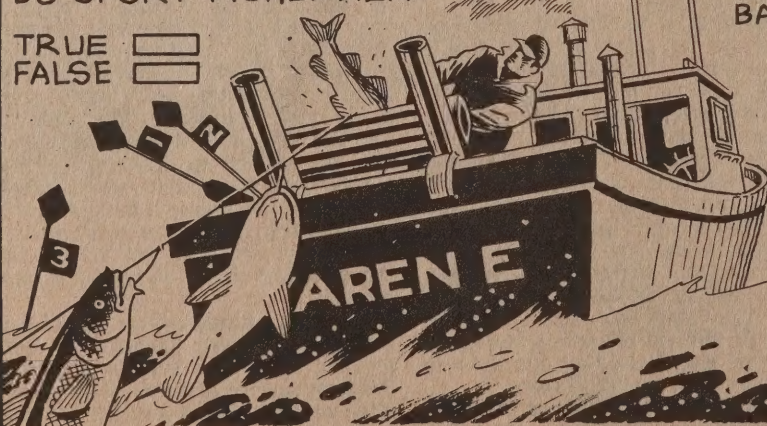
BROOK TROUT ☐
BROWN TROUT ☐
RAINBOW TROUT ☐



⑤ COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN CATCH MORE CODFISH THAN DO SPORT FISHERMEN.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

⑥ IS IT BETTER TO COVER THE POINT OF A HOOK WITH BAIT OR LEAVE IT BARE, A READER ASKS US?



1-TRUE. FLOUNDER'S MOVE AROUND FOR FOOD WHILE FLUKE LIE STILL IN AMBUSH.
2-FALSE. CARP HAVE TEETH BUT NOT IN THEIR MOUTH-HAVE SOME TEETH IN THEIR THROAT.
3-SHAGREEN (SHARK SKIN). 4-RAINBOW TROUT. 5-FALSE IN N.Y. STATE... 3 MILLION LBS. FOR SPORTS, 1/2 MILLION COMMERCIALLY. 6-THE NAKED POINT HOOKS EASIER AND FISH DON'T SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THE BIT OF METAL AS ANYTHING TO FEAR.

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Blustery weather during the week, plus a threatening weather report for the weekend apparently kept many potential anglers engaged in activities other than fishing, judging from the lack of fishing reports. However, an encouraging codfish catch at Cox's Ledge, plus continued flounder activity at Shinnecock and Quogue canals brightened the outlook for the rest of the month.

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Saturday's trip to Block Island, in rough seas, saw fifty-two cod hit the decks of the **Viking Starship**, with the pool taken with a thirty-two pound cod. On Sunday, 88 cod with twenty pollock were located at Cox's Ledge, with the best bite occurring late in the trip as the ocean heave decreased. The pool fish weighed approximately twenty pounds. Pat Coveney, member of the Sunrise Anglers Fishing Club also saw several ling come aboard.

Captain Forsberg reported only eighteen tickets available for this weekend's Georges Banks trip for the 7 pm Friday sailing. Next trips to local Montauk codfish grounds (Block Island, CIA, Cox's Ledge) have been scheduled for March 27th, 28th and 29th.

A chat with TJ at **Gone Fishing Marina** revealed that not much fishing activity, outside of some cod by commercial fishermen (on setlines) has been taking place. Apparently no one has tried the lake for flounder the past week.

Captain Tom Hansen of the charter boat **Ann Marie**, formerly out of



Joey Leggio kneels alongside the 172 lb. mako he caught on his family's boat, 5 Ls, last summer. Subscriber photo.

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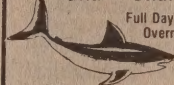


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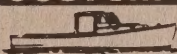


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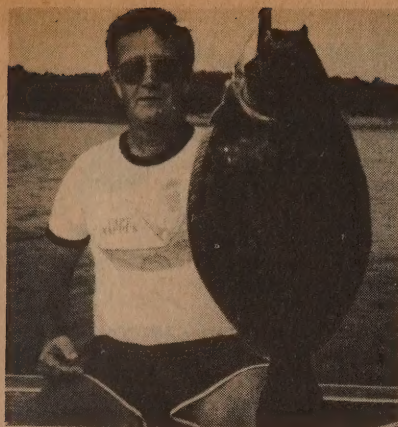
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Sheepshead Bay, has moved his operation to Montauk. He will sail his thirty-nine foot Blackfin from the Montauk Marine Basin. Call Captain Tom for spring cod and flounder dates.

SOUTH FORK

Ted, at Three Aces Fishing Center in Hampton Bays, reported decent catches in the Shinnecock Canal during the week, with one flounder of one pound six ounces weighed early last week. Action at Buoy 7A in the Quogue Canal was best just before high tide, with some fish just over a pound reported by boatmen who caught a dozen or so fish.

Bill Hichak and his son-in-law, Glen spoke of a morning bite at Buoy 7A on Sunday, when their dozen fish were caught. The afternoon tide proved unproductive. Unfortunately Dee and Joe Eisinger got a late start on the "Haleakala" and brought only a couple of fish back to Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks.

Flounder reports have come from anglers trying from shore at Heady Creek and several Hampton spots, including Smith Creek, according to Thom at Speck's Bait and Tackle. While Shinnecock Canal activity was not as good as last week, it could be blamed on early lock closures. Rumors of flounder catches have come from Three Mile Harbor, no reports from Peconic Bay yet.

Captain Artie Lach of the open boat **Wilhelric II** will start flounder fishing on March 28th, encouraged by the flounder catch he witnessed on Sunday at the Shinnecock Canal. Leslie Clark pulled in a two and a half pound flatie, while Eddie Clarkie and his friend Chris caught a half dozen flounder in a half hour at change of tide, under the Montauk Highway Bridge. Captain Artie remarked that the fish all were firm and fat.

Observers reported seeing four commercial draggers passing through

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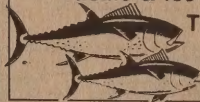


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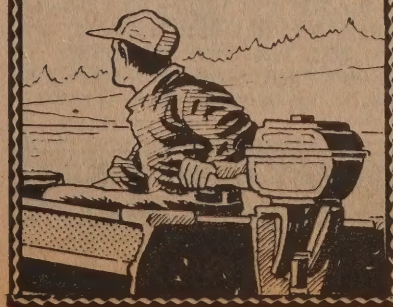
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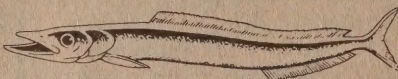
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the Canal on Sunday enroute to shipping their fish to market. Commercial dragging is legal in the Peconics until April 15th, but has been banned by State Law in the Shinnecock, Moriches and Great South Bays. Perhaps our state legislators should be encouraged to extend this ban to the Peconics as well!

Sunday saw some surprisingly good action in the Copiague to Massapequa area and particularly in the eastern reaches of Great South Bay. The Captree flounder fleet saw their first notable flounder catches occur in the latter area on Sunday.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich at Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches reported he is all set to go with baits and boats ready for flounder fans. Gary feels this week's moderating temperatures should produce the first decent action in the bay this upcoming weekend. Concerning this past weekend, only one boat left from the station on Saturday and they met with poor results. No boats sailed on Sunday.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From J&J Tackle in Patchogue, Paul Graniello spoke of a quiet week

due to the weather, but he did report some action locally in the bay on Sunday. Fred and Ken Yanke drilled 16 flatties to 1¾ lbs. from the Davis Park Area. They used mussels and worms and did a lot of stirring of the bottom. Paul also had reports of some flatties being taken by shore anglers from the banks east of Smith Point Bridge in Mastic.

Al Colban of J&R Sports Center in Oakdale reported a pick of some nice sized flounder locally, Heckscher Park and environs on Sunday. Also reports of scattered catches from the State Channel, West Channel and Good Samaritan hospital grounds. Finally some decent perch action reported on Sunday. A couple of kids working near Dowling College from a canoe collected 15 perch up to 1 lb. on small jigs and worms. Some nice trout being taken on high water at Bubbles Falls and a few flounder now being picked from the docks at Great River.

Captain Neil Delanoy, skipper of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** reported that flounder fishing got off to a slow start, but has shown gradual improvement since last week. Sunday was the best day yet with fishing being done to the east, near Patchogue. One quartet, Harry Wydig, Susan Gallo, Gary Micthe and Bob Ingargiola combined to take 30 flatties. Most of the fish are big, according to Neil, with many in the 1/2 lb. class. Nearly all of the fish have been over a pound. Neil thought that mussels and clams drew the most attention, which is typical in the early going.

The Captree flounder fleet, after suffering through last weekend's poor start, reported much improved fishing by Sunday. Saturday's action left much to be desired, but a body of fish located to the east between Blue Point and Patchogue proved surprisingly cooperative on Sunday. Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** probed State Channel on Saturday, where fares managed to total 40 fish. On Sunday, the skipper trekked east to Patchogue where a small crowd totalled 150 flatties. Rod said that all of the fish being taken now are real nice size and there was lots of action in addition to the fish taken.

South Shore REPORT with Fred Golofaro

Last week's abrupt return to winter, capped off with Friday's snow, put flounder fishing on hold for much of the week. Water temps in many areas plummeted back down into the 30s and ice was reported covering the surface of many canals and boat basins.

And while Saturday's efforts proved fruitless for most boatmen,

Captain Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** suffered through a slow pick on Saturday, but reported the fishing greatly improved on Sunday. Just a handful of fares accounted for over 80 flatties working to the east between Patchogue and Davis Park. Bob Pace was high hook with 15 flatties, Steve Moranda and his 5 year old daughter accounted for 14, while Ferdie Mainenti accounted for 11 fish. Carl reported the best action occurred on the ebb tide and both mussels and worms produced in the bait department.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** saw his first good flounder results on Sunday. He thought most fares managed 10 to 12 nice fish ranging from 3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. Bert Lipp was high hook with 15. Gordon reported finding some action south of Heckscher, but added that the bulk of his catch was made to the east along the Blue Point line.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** finished up his codfishing on Sunday. Henceforth, he will be sailing full day flounder trips, 9AM daily. Concerning the weekend's cod action, fares totalled 30 cod on Saturday and 18 more on Sunday. All of the fish were small, with the largest of the weekend near the 20 lb. mark. A big roll on both days did nothing to help the fishing.

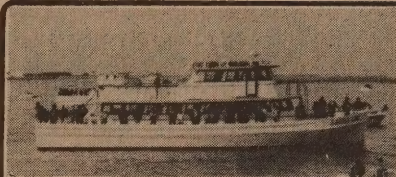
Captain Andy Buglione of the Captree charter boat **Cap'n Andy** said that they are all set to go with a new fast 50 footer for the '87 season. They are booking special offshore, canyon and tournament trips and still have a few such dates available. The new boat is rated to carry 46 passengers for inshore species. Give Andy a call at 669-5230 for more info.

Over at **Captree Bait Station**, Noel Kauppaf confirmed the improved flounder picture on Sunday. For shore anglers, just a few flatties being picked at the Jones Beach piers and on the Bay side of Oak Beach. A reminder that you can register in person at both the Captree and Jones Beach Bait Shops for the upcoming Captree Flounder Derby, slated for



Bobby Raab with a fluke he caught last summer aboard the Captree based "Jib Fleet."

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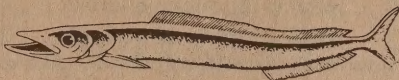
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the weekend of April 11-12. Noel added that the gas and diesel pumps at the Captree dock are now open. Noel reminded that this is the closest fuel source to FI inlet and Visa and MasterCard cards are accepted.

Tom Healy, speaking from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon said that Joe Kelly managed to pick four nice flounder one day early in the week. Two of the fish were in the 2 lb. class. He fished in the Copiaque area. Tom had little in the way of flounder reports to pass along concerning the weekend. He did add that the shop is

now well stocked with Whizkers products. This fine line of jigs was a hit last season with anglers gunning for fluke, weaks, white perch, trout and bass.

Captain Fred of the Babylon Captains Association charter boat **Water Witch**, said that most of the Association's boats will be set to go for April 1st.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** made his first flounder trip of the season on Saturday working the State Channel near Copiaque. Ralph reported that 12

fares accounted for approximately 50 flatfish.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Tackle Shop** in Lindenhurst had scattered reports of flounder from the east west channel between Copiaque and Lindenhurst, the Copiaque Hole, State Channel at Gilgo and Heckscher Park. His best reports, however, came from the west. He knew of two catches between 30 and 40 flatfish taken from Massapequa Cove. A couple of white perch taken on the weekend at Bergen Point and near the Babylon Times Square Store on grass shrimp and

bloodworms.

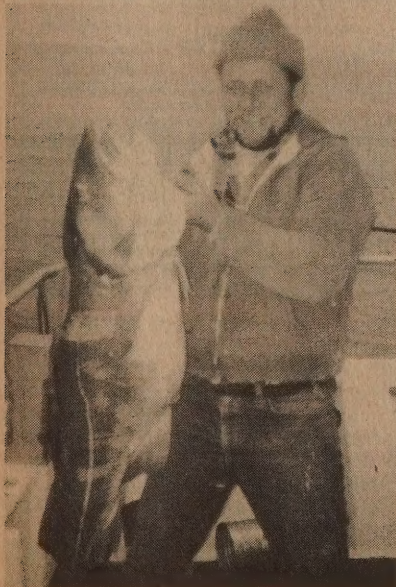
Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor, Bob Rose reported that he and Fred Walters teamed aboard Fred's Reel Affair on Sunday. Two anglers accounted for 20 big flounder (one pound and up) near Squaw Island. They used worms and mussel baits. Also on Sunday, the Cindy Ann worked the Copiague Hole to the tune of 25 flatties. Dick Kissel suffered through Friday's chilling wet snow to cull 8 flatties from the Amity Cut.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in Farmingdale had little in the way to report as far as local flounder fishing. He had heard of some decent catches made to the west and well to the east, but thought things were still slow locally. The big news at the store concerned the 345 lb. black marlin boated by Cathy Ishkanian during last week's trip to Panama. Congratulations to Cathy on her outstanding catch.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

While we're all awaiting the breaking of warm spring weather, everyone's trying to make the best of it, picking away at early season flatties from bulkhead, piers, party and private boats. Sizes have been



Al Foley of Levittown hoists the 44 lb. cod he caught back in December during a trip aboard the Captree open boat, "Speedy VIII."

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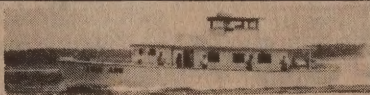
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WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from Wanser's Tackle in Seaford that some flounder have been picked from the Jones Beach piers and the water off Burns Park on worm and mussel, with sizes mixed, but on the smallish side.

At Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh, Mike says that a combination of the cold bay waters and the effects of the full moon put a crimp on the weekend's flattie efforts. His customers averaged 5 to 8 flounder a boat, with incoming tide working best at Massapequa Cove. Sizes were mixed and mussels worked best.

Over in Bellmore, Scott at Merrick Tackle had customers telling him of some flounder activity from the golf course through High Flats Drain, but small stuff for the most part on worm and mussel.

Word from Garan's Tackle in Merrick is that a bunch of local youngsters have been having a fairly

good pick of flounder off the dock at the south end of Merrick Avenue with each kid bagging a few. Try this spot as it is isolated from the wind and can bail out a day. Gary also spoke of catches of 3 to 4 flounder a man off the Jones Beach piers on bloods and mussel with fish mixed to 1½ lbs.

Over in Freeport, the open boat Jennifer B is being busily worked on, refurbished, reworked and beautified so as to be ready for the anticipated April 4th first sailing of the year.

We hear from Captain Mike Dannon of the Captain Lou Fleet that the full day boat, the CL VI on Monday had regulars John and Ray team up for 36 flatties. Ralph Smith of

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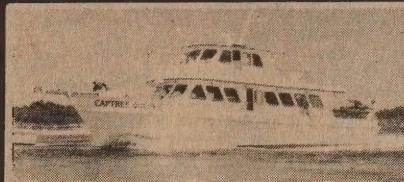
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Charlie at Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook says that private boaters working the 35 to 40 holes in the bay, stirring up the bottom and chumming and waiting it out are being rewarded with good catches of good size flounder. Bay Park has been the best bet says Charlie for shorebound anglers and his advice is that if you don't get fish from shore within 15 minutes, move up the beach away. He reminds boat fishermen that they MUST CHUM.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway tells of spotty flounder action in his area, Bay Park being a pick this past week. Baldwin Bay seemed to be a little better, said Skip and action in general on the flatfish should really jump once the water temperatures rise a few degrees. Frank Pascale of East Rockaway bagged a 3 lb. sea run brown trout from Mill River on a yellow bucktail. Skippy says as far as he knows this is a first for the area for this fish. He also noted that local brackish water particularly of Mill River, has been yielding perch for those tossing small yellow bucktails and shrimp.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, we learn from Mike's Tackle just across from the fleet that some, but not a lot of flounder, were caught on the party boats over the weekend at Navesink. Fish were on the small side and were hitting mussel and worm. Whiting and ling action was tough this weekend due to the extreme heave. Some decent catches of pollock to 30 lbs. along with a few cod were taken on the Betty W. VI this weekend, with the pollock taken mainly on jigs.

Captain Butch of the Zephyr

New Hyde Park had 18. Wednesday saw Pat Paulli of Douglaston with 14 while on Sunday Mike and Steve Karcinski totalled 34 fish. On the half day boat, CL V Mike says they had fairly good catches all week. On Monday Charlie Brauer managed 14 flatties whiel the gang from the Sandpiper accumulated 25 decent fish. Bob Giallanzo of Howard Beach hoisted 10 Thursday saw regular Young Kim with 13 while on Sunday's PM trip, a 2 lb. 6 oz. pool winner was caught by Bill Murphy.

Over in Point Lookout, we learn from skipper Ron Murray that on Monday Brian Sharkey and Donald Kap gathered up 20 flounder between them. Trips were weathered out until Friday, with Friday, Saturday and Sunday seeing small crowds having a slow pick on fish in most areas tried. Ronnie says really good floundering is

just around the corner with just a little warm weather to kick it off. On Saturday's PM trip, regular Mike had 5 flounder to 1 1/4 lbs. Sunday's PM trip saw Steve Zimberg with a 1 1/2 lb. pool fish. Ron says things were on the slow side, from 2 to 5 fish a man, with the slowdown due mainly to the water temperature being six degrees colder than it was last week.

Scotty's Fishing Station which is now open for the season tells of some flounder being caught in the Middle Bay flats on worm and mussel, fish running from small to large. Tom says they have boats in the water and all the bait and chum you'll need.

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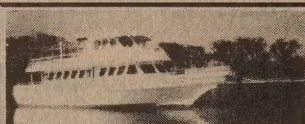
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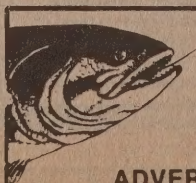


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North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Last week seemed to be one of those "back to winter" periods as far as reportable results were concerned. There were bait sales, there were a few fish taken on early open boats but, by and large, most diehards got nothing more than fresh air for their troubles. March snows and north winds seem to have put the flatties back in the refrigerator, according to the Apache's Dom Cerbone. An upturn is hoped for with a return to seasonal temperatures late this week.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at John's Gun in New Rochelle tells us that he's now carrying the whole Shimano and the whole Ambassador lines of reels along



Pictured are winner and officials of Imperial Yacht Club's 1st annual Junior Flounder Derby, held in New Rochelle last November. Shown standing from left to right are: Angelo Laverdi, Official; Larry Lolocono, Official. Front row: Heather Smith, largest caught; Jeffrey Lolocono, second largest caught; Ted Tanney, Commodore, Imperial Yacht Club, John Jacobbe, most caught; and Joseph Ferrara, Official.

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with a full stock of bait. Also, Larri Ricci is gone from the counter and tending his new house out in Montauk. There are whispers of a few flounder taken by shore fishermen from Hudson Park, Glen Island and Manor Park.

Jack's Bait on City Island had some pretty good sales of bait over the weekend according to Jack Rumpf. There were flounder in the Orchard Bay lagoon and the party boats opened the season on Saturday. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** told us that the first area to be targeted was Oyster Bay with some good sized early flounder among the ice cubes in 25 feet of water. Numbers were low, perhaps 3 to 4 fish per person for the hardies. With small crowds on Sunday, the boats combined fares and everyone sailed aboard the **North Star**. Pete Anderson's report should appear next week.

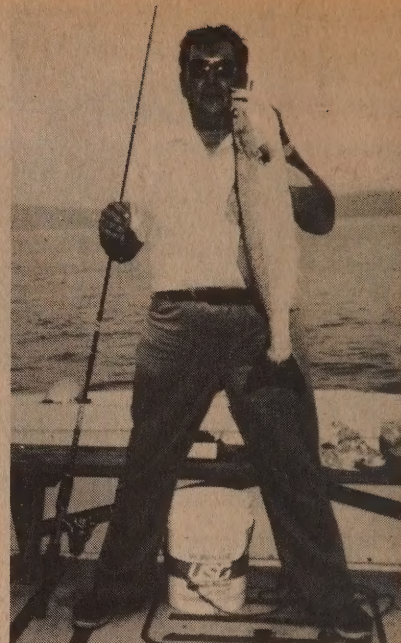
Also among the party craft from the west end, the **Klondike VIII** will be

sailing out of New Rochelle on the weekend of March 28th, according to Pete Pearson, while Carl Giangrande will be coming out of Flushing Bay with the **Reliable** at about that time, too. Watch for the ads.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

It's highly unusual not to have reports of catches from **Huntington Prop** or **Four Winds**, but even George Valentine figures this is a good time to tie rigs and watch TV. A few catches of 4 fish per boat were mentioned before the blast of Arctic air, but that was all.

Mel Fleischmann at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** is open until 6 on Saturday and until 2 on Sundays with sand worms and frozen bait in his supplies. Mussels will come later. Fleischmann



Harold Waters with one of eight weakfish to 12 lbs. he caught last season aboard the North Fork based charter boat, "Fish-alot."

has been selling bait for awhile and has seen catches of small flounder from Mill Dam, Centerport, one of the earliest spots.

The Davenport's at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai are open until 6 on both Saturday and Sunday with bait now available and boats in the water around April 1st.

Fred Mildner told us that charters on the **Hawkeye** out of Mount Sinai will be available after March 28th. For sheer action, Mildner recommends the first weeks of April, although he did have the biggest flounder of the season off Roanoke in May, a 4 lb. 4 oz. snowshoe. The 28 footer carries a maximum of 6 persons.

Matthew Viol and his son John of the Bronx, joined **Al Feathers** for four hours of fishing Sunday morning at Sunken Meadows State Park. While the sought after white perch were hard to find, the group did catch nine each, mostly fish in the half to one pound range.

NORTH FORK

Reports got sketchier as one moved further east. Ed Kopack told us that **Warren's** in Aquebogue now has its full line of worms and mussels and is ready for St. Pat's. Heather Loria said that Phil will be working on the shop and on the boats at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk this weekend. There was still shoreline ice on the Peonics, however. Ruth White should be opening the doors on the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport this weekend as well. She'll have the sailing sched-

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It's mid-March and time for Long
Island's freshwater anglers to begin
prospecting at their favorite lakes,
ponds, rivers and streams. With a
brief shot of warm weather over the
past two weekends, quite a few folks
made their initial efforts. As one
might expect this time of year,
anglers met with varied success.
Carp, trout and pickerel were at least
partially cooperative while more
traditional "warm water" species
such as bass and sunfish may need a
little more warmth before they begin
to stir.

I made a quick stop at Causeway
Bait and Tackle, Wantagh, on Sunday
where I learned from Mike Nicoletti
that freshwater action on the Mill
Pond and Twin Lakes is already well
underway. Over the weekend, a fair
number of carp were taken at the Mill
Pond. Most of the fish fell for corn
baits and many of the fish were large.
Mid-day fishing produced the best
results with fish weighed in up to
twenty-two pounds. Pickerel and
crappie catches are just starting at
South Twin Lake with fair scores
made on small Mepps and gold
Rapas. In the north lake, night-
crawlers were used to take a few
perch of six to nine inches. No reports
of bass yet.

A call to Paul at J&J Bait and
Tackle, Patchogue, revealed a few
pickerel, bass, crappies and perch
taken in Lace Mill Pond. No solid
action here but those fish that have
responded were mostly in deep water
and fell for spinners, small jigs or
nightcrawlers. J&J has nightcrawlers
in stock if you want to give it a try this
week. Over at Bubbles Falls and the
Carmen's River south of Sunrise
Highway, anglers are scoring well
with small to medium sized trout.
Most of the fish have been taken on
bait but I've also seen a few guys
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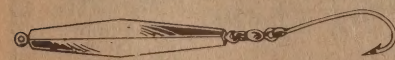
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Phil confirmed the good action with Bubbles Falls trout and added that, although white perch have been slow in recent weeks, there was some pretty good reports on Sunday.

I managed to catch up with east end reporter Lorry Mangan this weekend and she passed on to me a report from sixteen year old Paul Ripperger of West Islip. On Saturday, Paul worked the tidal waters of the Connetquot River where he connected with over forty trout, sixteen of which were over twelve inches. These fish were

taken on corn, dough and **Al Feathers Flash Jigs**. Paul also reported seeing several steelheads come up the river and noted that one lucky angler caught a thirty-one inch trout on an **Al Feathers Flash Jig**. On Sunday, Paul fished Southard's Pond with Ray Matter and Chris Bell. The trio accounted for twenty-five pickerel up to twenty-four inches.

NOTE: The police are looking for a man who got "bumped" by a train while fishing Bubbles Falls over the weekend. Apparently, he landed in

the water, arose unhurt, got in his car and drove away. They just want to check and see that the angler is o-k and would appreciate a call if you have any information.

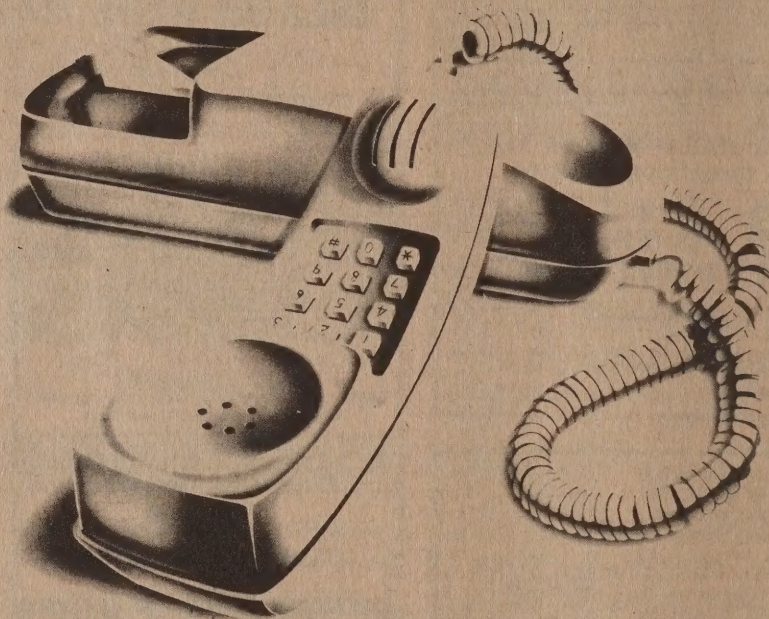


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DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	10:10	10:40	11:00	11:20	10:40	11:05	11:45	—	1:00	1:35	1:05	1:35	10:15	10:40	3/19
FRI.	11:00	11:30	11:45	—	11:35	—	12:05	12:40	1:50	2:20	1:55	2:30	11:05	11:30	3/20
SAT.	11:55	—	12:15	12:40	12:05	12:35	1:00	1:40	2:40	3:20	2:50	3:30	12:05	—	3/21
SUN.	12:30	1:05	1:15	1:45	1:00	1:40	2:00	2:50	3:35	4:25	3:50	4:35	12:35	1:15	3/22
MON.	1:40	2:20	2:25	3:00	2:10	3:00	3:15	4:05	4:45	6:00	5:05	5:50	1:45	2:25	3/23
TUES.	2:55	3:35	3:40	4:15	3:25	4:15	4:25	5:15	6:25	7:40	6:15	7:00	2:55	3:30	3/24
WED.	4:05	4:45	4:50	5:25	4:40	5:20	5:35	6:15	8:05	8:45	7:25	8:00	4:00	4:30	3/25
THURS.	5:10	5:40	5:55	6:25	5:45	6:15	6:35	7:05	9:05	9:35	8:30	8:55	4:55	5:20	3/26

On Sandy Hook		Beach Channel Bridge		+0 38	Lyme, highway bridge		+1 24	Sunrise/Sunset				
		J.F.K. Airport		+0 26	Essex		+1 38					
				On Bridgeport		East Haddam		+2 41	DAY / DATE:			
						Higganum Creek		+2 54	RISE:			
										SET:		
STATEN ISLAND		+0 27	Lloyd Point		+0 08	On Willets Point				THU. 3/19 6:08 6:10		
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS		-0 01	Cold Spring Harbor		+0 08	Little Neck Bay		-0 10	FRI. 3/20 6:06 6:11			
Red Bank, Navesink River		+1 48	Bayville Bridge		+0 13	Execution Light		-0 06	SAT. 3/21 6:04 6:12			
Long Branch		-0 34	Eatons Neck Point		+0 03	Manhasset Bay		-0 01	SUN. 3/22 6:02 6:13			
SHARK RIVER INLET		-0 18	Northport Bay		+0 03	Hempstead Harbor		-0 11	MON. 3/23 6:00 6:14			
Shark River Basin		+0 27	Norwalk Islands		+0 10	City Island		-0 03	TUE. 3/24 5:58 6:15			
MANASQUAN INLET		-0 12	Smithtown Bay		+0 08	Rye Beach		-0 28	WED. 3/25 5:56 6:16			
Seaside Park		-0 33	Cranes Neck Point		+0 05	Port Chester		-0 09				
Mantoloking bridge		+5 34	Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance		+0 03	Mamaroneck		-0 08				
TOMS RIVER		+4 37	New Haven Harbor		+0 08	New Rochelle		-0 24				
Waretown		+2 33	Mount Sinai Harbor		+0 05	Davids Island		-0 02				
BARNEGAT LIGHT		-0 20	Herod Point		-0 07							
Manahawkin Bridge		+2 33	Mattituck Inlet		+0 05							
Beach Haven		+1 47	Horton Point		-0 20							
LITTLE EGG INLET		-0 01	Truman Beach		-0 42							
Seven Islands		+0 12	Falkner Island		-0 13							
Graveling Point		+1 05	Sachem Head		-0 10	On Breakwater Harbor						
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HEREFORD INLET		+0 02	Greens Ledge		-0 01							
Grassy Sound Bridge		+0 45	Stamford		+0 04							
Cape May Harbor		-0 02	Cos Cob Harbor		+0 06							
Rehoboth Beach		-0 07	Greenwich		+0 02							
INDIAN RIVER INLET		+0 41										
SHINNECOCK INLET		-0 50										
Shinnecock Bay		+1 25										
East Quogue		+2 45										
Shinnecock Canal		+1 18										
Indian Reservation		+3 05										
MORICHES INLET		-0 56										
Smith's Point		+3 28										
Hart's Cove		+1 30										
Pontunk Point		+3 35										
Mastic Beach		+3 28										
FIRE ISLAND INLET		-0 38										
Democrat Point		-0 38										
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Heckscher State Park		+3 20										
Bay Shore		+2 23										
Babylon		+2 12										
Amityville		+2 21										
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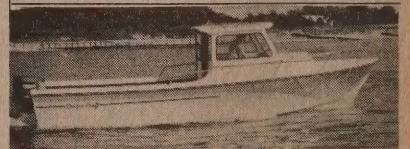


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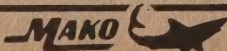
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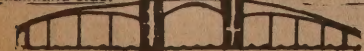
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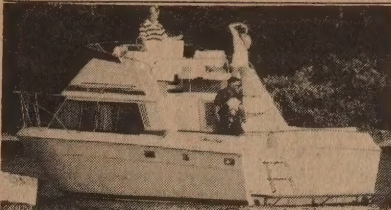
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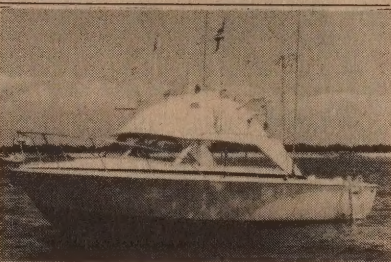
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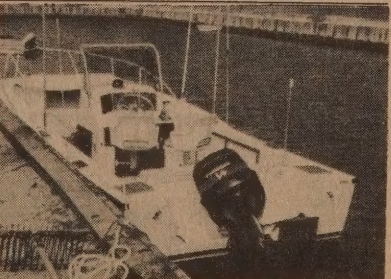
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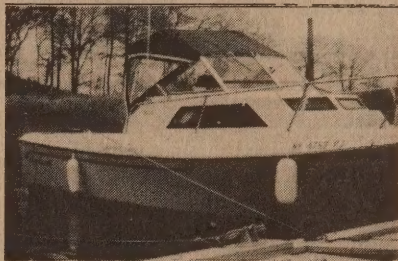
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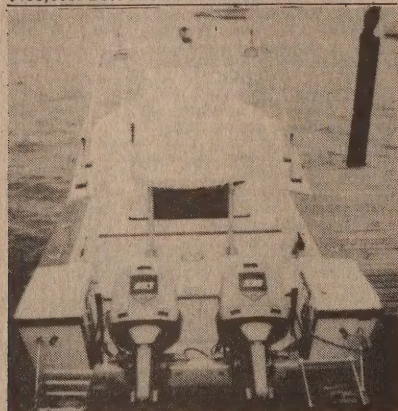
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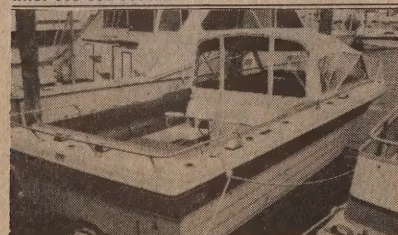
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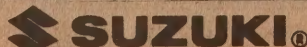
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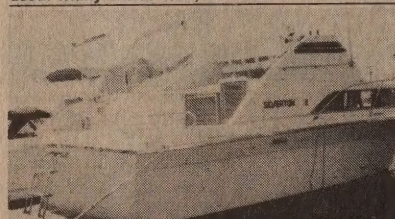


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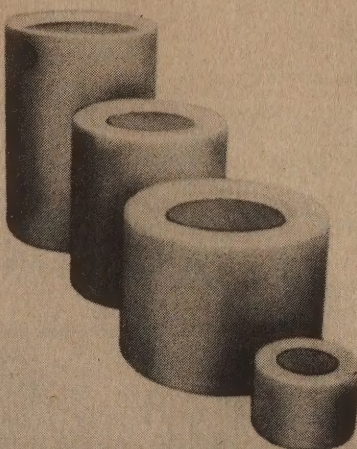
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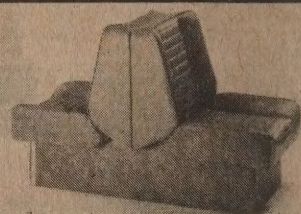
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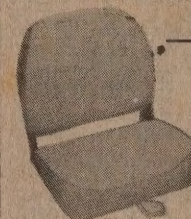
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